SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Sir Jimes, Russell, Chlef Justice.)

December 18th, 1890.

EMBEZZLIMENT BY A BAILIFF. Josquim Xavier, late assistant bailiff of the Supreme Court, was indicted with the embezzlement of \$1,056.75 the monies of the said Court. Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Acting Attorney General, prosecuted. The prisoner was unrepresented by

The following Jury was sworn in :- Messis. R. Addres, P. J. Schwatschoff, W. Rudorff, B. Medari, I. O. Gomes, P. Brewatt, J. E. Barker and Of Wegener.

The Attorney General in opening the case for the prosecution said that the bailiff of the Supreme Court, Mr. F. Howell, sent the prisoner In May last to collect the sum of \$93.50 from a Mr. Wolff at Kowloon. He also sent the prisoner to collect the sum of \$963.25 from the late Mr. A. G. Apcar. Both sums were to be collected for the Court by virtue of write of execution. The said sums were never paid into the Court although the prisoner admitted to him (Howell) that he had collected them in due course. The prisoner absconded from 19th of last month, when he was brought back to Hongkong from Macao by Detective Inspector

The shroff of the Court. Mr. Hall Ismail, Mr. Howell and an assistant balliff comborated. The prisoner when asked what defence he had to make, said, "I pray for the mercy of the

Court, as I am undefended." The jury unanimously found the prisoner

When asked why sentence should not be passed the prisoner again said that he begged for the mercy of the Court as he was undefended His Inrashin sentenced the prisoner to eighteen months' imprisonment with hard labour.

A PROMISING YOUTH.

Mok Acheung, a school-boy, was indicted with cutting and wounding a Portuguese boy named Collago, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and alleged that another boy committed the act and ran,

him on the 5th ultimo because he did not pay him fifty cents as the cost of pocket-knife. Several Portuguese school-boys were called the prisoner was the hay who did the stabbing. They were followed by Dr. Atkinson who

explained the serious nature of the wound and the condition of the boy Collaco when admitted to the Civil Hespital on the 10th instant. The prisoner, who showed remarkable shill in the noble art of cross-examination, was found

Judgment, was deferred.

(Before Mr. Rielding Clarke, Puisne Judge). December 23rd.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

At the adjourned Criminal Sessions this morning Tsang All was indicted with the wilful murder of Chum Kum Hi on the 27th ultimo: Mr. E. J. Ackroyd (Acting Attorney-General) prosecuted and Mr. Phillippo, instructed by Mr. Mossop defended. The following jury was swirn in : - Meetre. W. J. Gresson, M. Rieth, C. H. Kew. C. F. Grossman, E. Jones Hughes, R. T. Wright and J. Olsen.

Mak Awai said, her husband had been in Victoria Gaol fosabout 7 years and during that time she kept a boarding house in Second Street. Chum Kum Hi and Tsang Ali had been boarders in her house for about three years. About 7 o'clock 'p.m. on the 17th ultimo she heard her daughter, a child of to years of age, cry out "save life !" and shortly afterwards she was informed that the prisoner had slain Chun Kum Hi with an axe. Her daughter saw the act com-

Cross-examined-The prisoner was her cousin and he found fault with her because the deceased brought medicine into her room while she was lying ill suffering from a burnt foot. Her daughter unset a lamp over her feet, and it hurnt off the skin not only of one foot but part of the ler, as well. The prisoner was her clansman and as such it would be his duty to look after her during the incarceration of the husband.

Chun Afun, daughter of the last witness, said she saw prisoner kill the deceased with the axe produced in Court. He bolted, and she pursued him into the next street. She next saw the prisoner at the Police Court.

Dr. Atkinson gave evidence as to the nature of the wound inflicted on the deceased, and stated that he died in the Civil Hospital about 6.30 p.m. on the 27th of last month. Kong Sau Tala servant corroborated.

Several witnesses examined for the defeace stated that there had been ill-feeling between the deceased and the prisoner on accounted of the suspected intimacy of the former with the proprietress of the house.

The jury unanimously found the prisoner guilty of wilful murder.

The judgethen formally sentenced the prisoner to death as follows:-The sestence of the Court on you Tsung Ali is that you be taken to the place whence you came and thence to the place of execution, and that you be there hanged by the neck until you be dead and that your body be buried at such place as his Excellency the Governor shall direct, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justla.) December 24th.

At the adjourned Sessions this morning Mak Acheung and Kum Kwan, who were found guilty of the crimes of cutting and wounding and arson, respectively, last week, were brought before the Court this morning to receive sentence.

THE CUTTING AND WOUNDING CASE In passing sentence upon the youth, Mak Acheung. His lordship said that he had given the subject his most careful consideration. The jury hid twice recommended the boy to the mercy of the Court and that fact, sithough tending towards mitigation of punishment, could not be regarded as a desire on the part of the jurors that he should not be punished at all. The offence, that of culting and wounding, was one of a very schous nature. The boy, Colleco, might have died from the injuries inflicted on him, and had that been so the prisoner would have been tried for murder. He did not wish to cause such a young boy to be herded in gaol with thieves and vegabonds of various descriptions for a lengthenedperiod so he would simply sentence that at 'the explosion of that time he would hoped that in every match played the best team him to three months' imprisonment. He hoped behave better than hitherto towards his widowed mother who from all accounts, was a most gespectable member of secisty. He had here

that the prisoner broke out of the Roman Catholic Reformatory some months ago, but as there was no evidence of the truth of the allegation be could no take that into consideration. Had there been proof of the report it would have

carried weight with it in the matter of judgment. The prisoner, who was palpably moved by the lecture which the Judge read to him, was then removed from the dock to Victoria Gaol.

THE ARSON CASE.

His lordship in passing sentence upon Kum Kwan said that the clearest evidence of a deliberate altempt to set fire to 36, Bridges Street had been ad luced. The prisoner had threatened to "roast them (the inmates of the house) all in the same pot" and he certainly tried to do so. He poured kerosene over the stairs and set fire to it, but fortunately the fire was discovered before it had gained much headway. Had the fire not been quenched the result might have been most serious, for the hou e in question was crowded with people who were, with one or two exceptions, sound asleep at the time the prisorer, in a fit of jealousy, attempted to burn the house down. He had no doubt that many fires occurred through jealousy. over women, and it was most difficult to get a conviction owing to lack of sufficient evidence. In this case, however, the police, who got on the track of the prisoner with great promptitude, caught the man with kerosene on his clothes May, last. After that day, the 27th May, the next lime Howell saw the prisoner was, on the therefore go to gaol for two years, with hard

This completed the business of the December

THE SINGAPORE CRICKET . CAMPAIGN.

HONGKONG ON THE WAR-PATH.

The termol cricketers who leave by the English mail steamer Thames for Singapore to-morrow to do battle for Hongkong against the serried array of cricketing talent in the Straits Settlements, may possibly be unable, through the vicissitudes of fickle fortune and the proverbial uncertainty of 'the manly game,' to achieve success, but it is quite certain that, like Sempronius and his pal, one and all will try to deserve it. Confident in the exceptional all-round pro-A. P. Collago, stated the prisoner stabbed ficiency of their representatives, it will certainly Nothing further transpired until about 4 p.m. prove both a surprise and disappointment to when several of the pirates came down where the numerous army of local cricketers if decisive success does not attend the Hongkong ling at the top of the companion. "They called in evid nee for the prosecution and stated that Eleven against any and all combinations of for all the passengers to go up on deck, which our friends in Singapore, (not omitting the they did one by one, being searched as they Ceylon contingent) can place in the tented field. but we having already tasted the sweets of victory must be equally prepared to face the unpleas sant flavour of defeat and in this latter event the Singapore cricketers who visited this colony last season'set us an example worthy of sincere imitation. It will be admitted without argument that an exceptionally strong and representative team has been recruited for the interesting campaign -not quite the best that Hongkong is capable of producing, but dangerously, near it. The name's of Leach, G. S. Coxon, and the brothers substitutes for these thoroughly sound and reli- Namoa. able cricketers are all good men and true, who

will without doubt do credit to their selection and to the colours of the Hongkong Cricket Club: The Club Committee have acted wisely in pitching upon Lieut. Blair for the responsible duties of captain of the team, as he is not only about the best all round cricketer in the Far East, but possesses a thorough 'knowledge of the game in all its chases. A safe and steady bat, with a keen eye and powerful wrist, the R.E. champion can punish loose bowling almost as freely and with more certainty than the biggest of sloggers; and not only is he a perfect fielder, but his slow deliveries with a puzzling breek from the leg, rarely fail to prove deadly when a difficult separation has to be effected. Captain Dunn is another tower of strength; in all probability the best batsman in the term, he is Ilkewise a most dangerous bowler and quite safe in the field. The Singapore players will enjoy a lively time should Dunn and Blair get well set. or in the event of one of this pair happening to strike a lengthy parinership with Lowson, Sercombe Smith, or Barff. Lieut. A. J. Campbell is another brilliant batsman, albeit a triff: uncertaint his style generally, and especially his forward play, is most graceful, and he can hit as hard as the best of them. With fair. luck the Argyll and Sutherland "crack" will pile up a big score, and either behind the wickets, as a change bowler, or in the outfield, he will be found quite at home. There is no safer run-getter in the Eleven than Dr. J. to the conclusion that the men whom they his usual hurry to commence active op rations. The Doctor, in spite of his predeliction for rapid scoring and tall hitting, dissecting the bowling | Chun with written instructions from Canton to as it were, can play the game perfectly when he chooses to put the brake on his impetuosity, and he is at all times a most dangerous opponent, placing the ball with unerring accuracy and rarely throwing away a chance. As a bowler the old Edinburgh University trundler, at his best, of the force sent to Sum Chun. has no superior, if any rival, in the Club, and when out fielding he doesn't know, the wiy to miss a catch. Another capital cricketer at all points is Sercombe-Smith, a determined punisher of loose bowling a difficult bowler to get away with, and an admirable fielder. A player of much similar calibre is C. S. Barff, whose lightning deliveries on a favorable wicket always require a deal of careful negotiation, and rarely fail to prove fatal. As a bateman the irrepressible 'Charlie' ! another of the dangerous uncertainties, like Lowson and Sercombe-Smith, but once "set" to bowling that is not quite superexcellent, this lengthy gentleman has an awkward habit of very frequently getting within easy bail of the coveted three figures in about the shortest time on record. Captain Carden, R.A. has not performed very often in the colony, but his antecedents are good and his style undeniable. A left-handed batsman who plays a steady, reliable game, who can bowl fairly well, and is more than useful in any position in the field, must form a very strong element in the team. Another player of whom great of late years. things may be expected is E. A. Rum, who bats in good form, hits with surprising hardness for such a little un, and is unsurpassed in the

deeds with the willow. This brief resume will give the Straits champions a slight notion of the doughty warrion they will have to encounter, and in wishing our boys! ben woyage and a pleasant time in sunny Singapore, it is to be carnestly

field. That promising young exponent of the

popular game, F. Lammert, is likely enough to

make several long scores, and although the

present writer is personally unacquainted with the form of Lient. Boyle, he learns from sound

authority that this representative of the Royal

Artillery is most likely to give a first-rate

account of himself. The spare men, Sergt.

Clarke and Corporal Rice, are both good

cricketers, so that should their assistance be

enlisted it may be relied on that they will fully

answer the expectations based on their past

BILL STUMPS. Hongkong, asin December, 1849.

THE "NAMOA" PIRACY.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY. Mr. Wodehouse continued the inquiry into the circumstances; attending the death of Captain Pocock Mr. Petersen and others, who were killed by pirates on board the British steamship Namoa on the 10th instant.

DR. MARQUIS' EVIDENCE. Dr. Marquis said that he held a post mortem examination on the bodies of the two Europeans killed on the steamer Namoa, namely, Captain Pocock and Mr. Petersen, a passenger. The body of the Captain was that of a man about 55 years of are. There was a bullet wound on his right side below the right breast. The bullet had traversed through the lungs and liver eventually lodging on the spinal column. The builetwasof the kindused in a "bull-dog" revolver. The andomen was full of blood and death had been caused by hemorrhage, caused by the wound. The body was in a healthy state except that the lungs showed signs of old pleurisy, and the kidneys were pale. Witness also held a postmortem on the body of another European who was pointed out to him as Mr. Petersen, whose body had three bullet wounds on the left forehead. On his right check there was another wound which may have been caused by the grazing of a revolver bullet or by the blade of a knife. On the upper portion of his left arm there were five bullet wounds, two of which corresponded with two wounds in the left chest caused by bullets which had passed through the min's body and out on the right side. The left collar hone had also been fractured by a bullet which had passed through the blood-vessels and lungs, finally lodging in the abdomen which was full of blood. The liver and right lung were also Incerated. There were also two bullet wounds on the right arm, apparently caused by one bullet. Death had been caused by hemorrhage occa-

sioned by several bullet wounds. STATEMENT OF A CHINESE PASSENGER. Yau Ma Shau said he was a trader between Hongkong and Kelt Shik, a village, and was a passenger by the steamship Namoa at the timeshe was pirated. The witness had taken up his quarters on the 'tween decks and had a basket containing 600 taels of silver, a pair of trausers and a pair of shoes with him. About 1 p.m. he heard some shots fired on the deck and he started to go up but on getting to the companionway he saw a man at the top of the ladder, who shouted out in a threatening way "passengers don't come up!" The man had a revolver in one hand and a sword in the other. the passengers were leaving two or three standpassed up; they found nothing on the witness. Afterwards witness, with thirty or forty other passengers was driven to the saloon where they remained until thenirates lest the ship. He though there were about 20 pirates, altogether and they did not fire at or kill any of the passengers who were in sight of him, witness. There were two or three women on board and they were not injured in any way. If any of the pirates were brought before him he could identify the two

who searched him, as they were European caps. The inquiry was then adjourned until Satur-Maitland are missing from the list, but the day, at 10 o'clock, to await the arrival of the

THE "NAMOA" PIRATES.

.. SUPPOSED TRACES OF PART OF THE GANG.

A week ago, some cattle-dealers who make Hongkong their head-quarters, were passing through the town of Sum Chun after scouring the country in the neighbourhood, of Deep Bay in quest of cattle for the Hongkong market. They there dropped across a number of men who were dressed in the height of fashion and living on the fat of the land, whom they had previously known in this Colony under very different circumstances. The change the fortunes of their friends naturally aroused the curiosity of the drovers, and in reply to inquirles they were informed that it was due to the fact that they (the supposed pirates) had made a big houl by their wits, and would be glad if their friends would come and join t'em in a " [amboree,", then in course of preparation. The dravers willingly assented, and speak in high terms of praise of the lavish hospitality shewn them by their generous entertainers who paid cash down for everything. After the night's revel the cattle dealers took their leave and came on to Hongkong where of course, they heard all about the Namon piracy cise, and putting two and two together came A. Lowson, if he will only be in rather less than | had met at Sum Chun were a part of the gang, and without loss of time, reported the mattertothe police. Detectives have been despatched to Sum the Authorities at that place to the effect that they are to aid the police in every way in their endeavours to capture the suspected men. So far, no information has been received here by the Authorities as to the success, or otherwise,

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THE WEEK'S SHARE BUSINESS.

Hongkong, December 20th.

We are glad we are able to report that business for the past week has been very brisk and that some large transactions have been satisfactorily put through. A much better feeling has prevailed on the rialto and the tone of the market has been decidedly healthy. A good deal has been done in local stocks and the principal of these are now difficult to get at the closing quotations,—as given in our appended list.

Banks have been largely dealt in 'at 261 per cent. for cash, 265 per cent. for January and 271 per cent. for March but have since eased a little and are strong at 259 per cent. for cash.

New Issue have also been done at \$269 for cash and are now wanted at \$270.

Marines.-Traders are wanted \$65 but there are no shares offering at this figure. Unions and Cantons are also wanted at \$100 and 117 respectively.

A strong demand has set in for Hongkong Fires, and shares are difficult to get even at 337½ for cash. Chinas are also wanted at 88.

Docks.-A very large number of shares have been placed at 84 per cent for cash and are now wanted at 86 ner cent. They were also done at 87 and 88 per cent for January 90 per cent for March and 91 per cent. for April: Market closing strong.

Steamhoats were done at 36% for cash although there are some anxious inquirers after this stock, they are inot willing to pay more than 36 for the present and holders are waiting for at least half a point hetter.

Steamships.—Some China and Manilas were done at 136 for March and there are cash sellers at 129. Indo-China's are offering at 27½ per cent. discount.

Douglas' are wanted ad 47. Sugar Refineries.-There has been a strong demand for Chinas and sales have been made at 173 for cash." But they are weak on time. Luzons have also improved and sales have been effected at 97 for cash but are now difficult to get at 98.

Ices have been done at 91 and 92 for cash and are now in strong demandat 95. Watsons have improved and sales have heen effected at 221 for cash and 231 for

Hotels: Hongkongs' have been done at 165 and 170 for cash and are now wanted at 175. The other are neglected at quotations.

In Mining Stocks there is little to report. Punloms are now out of favor at 1.20. Balmorals were done at 11 and further shares can be had at this rate. Selamas were done at 1.70 but are now freely offered at 1.50. There has been a strong demand for Imurls and large sales have been effected at 114 and 12 for cash. 124 and 13 for March but they have since declined to 112 for cash and 122 for March at which rates they are difficult to get-Charbonnages were done at 400 & 500 for

., In Wharves a very large sale has been effected at 81 for January and since then 84 has been paid for them. They closed steady at 82 for cash.

Tramways were done at 85 for cash and are now offered at 80. Borneo Stocks: Sales have been effected.

in these stocks and closed as under. East Borneo were done at \$12 for cash and closed with sellers at 11.

Songel Royah were done at 812 for cash and closed with sellers at 10. Labuk Planting were done at \$30 for cash and closed with sellers at 30.

Lamags were done at 89 for cash and closed with sellers at 9. China Borneo were, done at \$9 for cash and closed with sellers at 8.

H. G. Brown & Co. were done at 62 and further shares are wanted at this rate. Lands were done at gol for each and I are now wanted at Old

Trust and Loan were done at 194 and 20 for each and sales at 201 for March. Founders were done at £160 for January and £165 for March.

The following are the closing quotations.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS. Jongkong and Shanghai Bank, 261 per cent. -- remium, huyers. Hongkong and Shanghal Bank, New Issue-\$270 per share, buyers. Infon Insurance Society of Canton-463 nex

share, huyers. Thina Traders' Insurance Company-\$65 per North China insurance—Tis. 340 per share,

Inton Insurance Company, Limited-\$117 per share, buyers. vangtare Insurance Association—Tisa 76 per share, buyers.

In Tal Insurance Company, Limited-Tis. 150 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company -\$3371 per share, buyers. China Fire Insurance Company-\$88 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company-\$86 per cent. premium, buyers. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. - 1361 per share, buyers,

China and Mahila Steam Ship Company-129 per share, sellers. Hongkong Gas Company-\$135 per share, sellers. Hongkong Hot. Company-\$175 per share

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures

indo-China Steam Navigation Company. Limited-272 per cent. discount, sellers. Douglas Steamship Company-\$47 per share, China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$173

per share, buyers. Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$98 per share, buyers. Hongkong Ice Company-\$95 per thare,

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited -\$80 per share. Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited-\$10 per share, sellers. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited-\$22} per share,

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B--- 21 per cent. premium, sellers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-5 per cent premium, buyers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E-11 per cent.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited-\$130 per share, sellers. The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ld-\$25 per share, nominal, Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.

\_\$2} per share, sellers. The Raub Gold Mining Co., Ld. -\$1.20 pershare, Imuris Mining Co., Ld. -\$11f per share, sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited-\$1: per share, sellers, Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company-\$82 per share, buyers. Tonquin, Coal Mining Co.-\$500 per share,

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—180 per share, sales. The East Bomeo Planting Co., Limited-\$11 ner share, buvers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Ld. -362 per share, sellers. the Songel Kovah Planting Co., Ld. -\$11 per share buyers. mickshank &Co., Ld. -\$40 per share, nom. The Steam Launch Co., Limited-nominal.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ld. -50 per cent, dis., sellers. The China-Borneo Co., Ld.-\$8 per The Hongkong Brick and Cement. Co., Ld .-

419 per share, sellers. The Green Island Coment Co. -\$20 per share, The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Id .- \$91 per share, buyers. The Hangkong Electric Light Co., Ld. -\$7?

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The Trust and Loan Co. of China and Japan .-\$194 per share, buyers. The Hongkong Marina, Limited-par, nominal.

EXCHANGE. N LONDON,-Bank, T. T. .....3/49 Bank Bills, on demand ......345 Hank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 3/5# Credits at 4 months' sight ......358 Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight .....3/5#

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SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

fongkong Observatory, 24th December, 1800.

ANTONIO, British steamer, 1,214. F. Marshall, 23rd Dec.,-Nagasaki 18th Dec., Coals.-Arnhold, Karberg & Co. AVOCHIE, British steamer, 1,053, T. Rowin.

10th Dec .- Kutchinotzu ruth Dec., Coals. -A. C. Morris. CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,346, J. E. Williams, 18th Dec.,-Sydney 27th Nov., Townsville and Dec., Cooktown 3rd, and Thursday Island 6th, Coals, &c .- Butter-

field & Swire. CHINA, German steamer, 1,097, P. Voss, 21st Dec.,-Saigon 16th Dec., Rice, Paddy, and General.—Ed. Schellhass & Co. DEVAYONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, P. H. Loff.

23rd Dec.,-Bangkok 16th Dec., and Ang. hing 17th, Timber, Rice, and General.-Tryuen Fat Hong. FIDELIO, German steamer, 852, H. Brorsen, 16th

Dec.,-Saigon 10th Dec., General.-Melchers & Co. GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 3.020, M. Eichel, 20th Dec .- Yokohama 10th Dec., Mails and General.—Melchers & Co TAILONG, British stehmer, 783, Roach, 23rd December,-Tamsui oh Dec. Amoy 20'b. and Swatow zand, General.-D. Lapraik

KUMAMOTO MARU, Japanese stermer, 1,240. R Pender, 7th Dec .- Kutchino'zu and Dec., Coals.-Geo. R. Stevens & Co. LORD BANGOR, British steamer, 1,911, H. Magill,

3rd Nov .- Karatsu 28th October, Coals. -Cantain. MOGUL, British steamer, 1,827, J. Johnston, 11th Dec. - Karatsu 7th Dec., Coal -- Adamson,

Bell & Co. PALAMED, British steamer, 1,480, C. Jackson, 15th Dec.,-Shanghai 12th Dec., Rice and General -Butterfield & Swire.

PARTHIA, British steamer, 2,035, John Panton, 18th Dec.,-Vancouver, B.C., 20th Nov. Yokohama 10th Dec., Kobe 12th, and Nagasaki 15th, Flour and General,-Adamson, Bell & Co. PEMBROKESHIRE, British steamer, 1.716. Dan-

caster, 17th Nov.,-Singapore 7th Nov., General .- Adamson, Bell & Co. PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, A. Benton, 26th Nov.,-Bangkok 18th Nov., and Anghing 19th, Rice and

TAICHIOW, British steamer, 862, R. Unsworth, 21st Dec., -Bangkok 14th Dec., and Anghia General.—Yuen Fat Hong. TETARTOS, German steamer, 1,587. Breitung. 23rd Dec ,-Tegal (Java) 13th Dec., Sugar.

General.-Yuen Fat Hong.

-Jardine, Matheson & Co. THANCE AV, Chinese steamer, 350, Wong Ling Sing, 11th Dec.,-Haiphong 27th Dec., Ballast.—Chinese.

THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 3rd December,-Talwanfoo 20th Nov., Amoy 1st December, and Swatow and, General.-D. Lapraik & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ALTAIR, British bark, 379, Munro, 22nd Dec.,-Cebu 4th Dec., Sugar, Hides and Bones .-Wieler & Co. ARCHOS, British barque, 458, C. Hansen, 9th Dec.,-Amoy 6th December, Beans,-

Captain. BASUTO, British bark, 362, Petersen, 10th Dec.,-Amoy 8th Dec., Beans and General. BETHERN. British schooner, 400, J. Stronoch, 18th Dec.,-Freemantle, W.A., 20th Oct.,

Sandalwood.—Order. CHARON WATTANA, Slamese bark, 656, W. L. Cain, 1st Sept.,-Wah Hin 13th August, Timber and Sapanwood.—Captain. CHAS. G. WILSON, American schooner, 56, J. N.

Melander, 19th Dec., -Yap (Caroline Island)

oth Dec., General.—Captain COLUMBUS, German bark, 1,428, L. Haesloop, 11th Dec., Cardiff 29th July, Coal, -Melchers & Co. DON JUSTO, American bark, 746, B. Nellson, 30th Nov.,-Amoy 26th Nov., Ballast.-

ELMHURST, British ship, 1,712, John Mackensle, .3rd Dec.,-Cardiff 23rd July, Coal.-Adamson, Bell & Co. JAPAN, Peruvian bark, 198, M. Janila, 17th Nov.,-Callao (Peru) 30th August, General.

Russell & Co.

-Gonsalves & Co. KAMBRILA, British ship, 1,952, J. J. Bowell, 27th October,-Singapore 11th Oct., Timber.-Captain. K. Nilsson, British brig, 280, C. Boysen, 10th

Dec.,-Amoy 8th December, General.-LOTHAIR, British bark, 793, Thos. G. Grans, 2nd Dec.,-Chesos 22nd Nov., Genera'.-Gibb, Livingston & Co.

L. HAGEN, German bark, 503, O. Busch, 6th Dec.,-Amoy 4th December, General,-Modoc, American bark, 430, P. Borck, 20th

Dec.,-Whampon 19th Dec., General,-Chinese. NANDIMO, British steamer, 397, Otter, 10th Dec. Newchwang and Amoy, 8th Dec.,

Beaus,-Jardine, Matheson & Co. SANTA CRUZ, British schooner, 920, D. D. O'Keefe, 20th Nov.,-Pellew Islands 11th Nov., General.-Wieler & Co.

SARA MERSEDES, Peruvian schooner, 245, A. Muniatgin, 4th July,-Salgon 27th June, Rica.-Captaln. SEA WITCH, American ship, 1,288, Chas. Zibbels, 30th October,-New York 24th

May, Kerosene Oil.—Adamson, Bell & Co. ST. NICHOLAS, American ship, 1,723, Fr Carver 16th Nov.,-New York 29th June, Kerosene Oil .- Order. TA HONGKONG, Siamese ship, 654. N. Steinbring, 6th Dec.,-Bangkok 21st Nov.

General .- Chinese. VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 25th Nov.,-Honolulu 21st October, General,-Chinese.

December, 1890, the wife of A.G. GORDON, of a

FOURT ONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1890.

THE VALUE OF PUBLIC OPINION IN HONGKONG.

ONE of the greatest, as it is the most safeguards of public versus, official or the shareholders, with the detailed items popular defusion in this colony, is what is purely personal interests; but in any case for their guidance and a thorough of law and justice by the magistrate; but conveniently, and for lack of a more they are not the elect of the rate-payers, acquaintance with the requirements of appropriate name termed public opinion. This is a confirmed article of faith, an almost universal fetish; from the head of the Government down to the petty scribbler the right of Government nomination in this kind, and it is always false attempt to assert the special claim of who is responsible for the comical and appointing unofficial legislative councillors, economy to under-pay capable employes; political offenders. strangely diluted productions which the if it ever really existed, has no longer any but nevertheless an outlay of over \$11,000 | An appeal recently decided in England readers of the Daily Press have to swallow raison d'tire even in Crown colonies; and per annum for salaries and wages, or a is worthy of some attention here, as editorials with the matutinal bloater; we believe that Hongkong is absolutely monthly average of about \$920, certainly considering the frequency of extradition yet, so far as the British community the last important station that is still does seem very heavy. The General cases, and especially as it is substantially is concerned, it has no tangible existence. burdened with these galling and uncon- Managers' commission of \$1,259.26—five on all fours with a local case that attracted -as we have said, it is, a popular delusion, stitutional fetters. The same argument There are no well-defined "classes" in applies, if in a lesser degree, to the members Hongkong, as is the case in any English of Council elected respectively by the town of similar size, to form that important Justices of the Peace and the Chamber of of a Consulting Committee and one political and social factor which at home | Commerce. They may represent the so greatly influences, if it does not actually | views of these two institutions, but that direct, the machine of local government, does not mean that they must also of Charges account (\$2,122.12), Coals and In fact, to put the matter in the plainest | necessity equally represent the general anybody, and its members have acquired, | the only form of popular election practicafter years of experience, the happy able in Hongkong, was like a great many \* knack of carefully and most effectually more of that foolish old gentleman's frothy representing themselves collectively, and enunciations, a compound of inexcusable their respective interests individually. | ignorance and careless misrepresenta-· drudges of the Fourth Estate, architects reforms in this direction, and the return to of the Consulting Committee is a solicitor and what are called assistants, the rank | There is sufficient influence, ability and and file of the once all-powerful but now | energy amongst the despised middle | Company made defendant in the suit greatly depreciated army of sharebrokers, lower class to effect any measure of reason- We think a wise policy has been a limited number of resident engineers, able reform against all opposition, if these followed in not holding out any bright shipwrights, etc., a variety of hotel and | qualities are only properly applied. We | hopes as to future prospects, although inn-keepers, and persons engaged in have debating, literary and other societies in our opinion better times are in store. several other occupations. Of the real flourishing in four midst; we have lately Last summer was a very unfavorable one , laboring classes. "the backbone and sinew" of the British nation according to a power in the colony; and a powerful Hotel was closed there was really very fervid orators at election times, we have Institution of Marine Engineers has, in little inducement to take visitors "top-side." none outside the Chinese, and the potent keeping with the spirit of the times, just Next season will probably show better political criminals of all countries, and it vox populi of the ancient Romans is sprung into existence for the purpose of results, and the opening of the two new consequently as dead as Queen ANNE. As protecting the interests of that influential hotels and reduced house rents in the the members of the lower middle class are body. The formation of a Political Club higher levels cannot fail to prove advanto a very great extent dependent for their or Society would present no insuperable tageous. However, we would strongly notice in this colony. worldly success on the patronage and support of the influential "upper house," and scarcely can say that their souls are their own without giving grievous offence to their patrons, it has come to pass that, any political views as to rights of citizenship, or ideas of manly independence they may have once believed in, have been crushed out; the soothing influence of the almighty dollar has achieved a most decisive and notable victory. The actual situation is therefore easy to define; there Is only the dominant class recognised in the colony as having any rights or privileges whatever-beyond that doubtful privilege of being graciously permitted to pay a most outrageous taxation, -which the lower orders equally enjoy, so that the personal desires of the three or four wirepullers who effectually control the rest of Nous Autres: form that convenient excuse

omission—so-called public opinion. All that we have just set down is perfectly well known, and although the position is rather an ignoble one, it is nevertheless generally submitted to with a fairly good grace, on the principle that what cannot be cured must be endured. There are naturally some unruly dissentients; but these are supercillously regarded as iconoclasts, rabid advocates of the universal rights of man, opponents of the one law for the rich and another for the poor theory and practice, believers in the equal claims of all tax-payers to the recognised privileges of citizenshipand are accordingly marked dangerous . If it is the case, as we contend, that public. opinion has no tangible existence—outside coccasional independent press utterances, it must necessarily follow that local institutions such as the Legislative Council and the Sanitary Board, which are supposed to reflect that opinion, are very inadequate representatives of the citizens and the colony's interests. And that is . the precise impression we wish to convey to our readers. The official class in matters political represent the Government alone; the public welfare, or what is in need of amendment, are at least may be relied on with some confidence. | a literal sense. We rarely hear of an plainty indicated that he did not believe comprehensible. It is not so with the un- in The gross receipts for the twelve months unsuccessful outbreak against the Chinese that bad foundations could possibly have official representatives each member total 825,203.20, which at first sight seems suthorities in the Liang Kwang or Pohkien almost doubled the estimated cost of the must be credited with working as he a fairly large, return for the Company's provinces that is not shortly lollowed by building. And then the Chairman of the considers best for the common end, but small capital; but when it it jound that the arrest in this colony at the arrest in the arrest in this colony at the arrest in th as a body they have no recognised almost the whole of this is esten up by the Viceroy of Canton, of one por more, the discussion, of organization, no defined duties or obligate working expenses which aggregate alleged notorious murderers and plrates, for Might we suggest to Mr. Whitesanan itions either to the general public or to each | 824 170.21 and leave a nominal net profit whose defence invariably it that they and his edileagues that a question in the

for so many errors of commission and

to these sweeping assertions may, percentage of cost of up-keep to the murders and piracies were said to have would bring out something and set the At "Dunford," Mount Kellet, on the 23rd perhaps, be found in the case of the Chinese Member; the existence of a very strong Chinese public opinion net profit (so-called) of \$1,032.99 there were actually political offenders and Police Station at Kenneuy Town would in our midst has been sufficiently is what is actually a set-off of no nothing more; have been, after a one-sided demonstrated in the past to admit of any less than \$8,324.23 for repairs to the line, investigation before the magistrate that doubt now, and as Dr. Ho Kar is the duly | necessitated by a landslip in May of last elected representative of his nationals, his | year, which has been dealt with as an | certain death on evidence that was palpaposition in the councils of the colony is as l'asset and placed to Suspense a/c instead | bly trumped up, referring to crimes that unique as it is gratifying to Chinese of to the debit of Working a/c. Whether in all probability never were committed. aspirations. Members of the Legislative or not an appreciable reduction in working Council nominated by the Government expenses can be made practicable is a without reference to the wishes of the matter for the consideration of those community may or may not prove reliable | immmediately interested, and no doubt and it will hardly be denied that this is a the traffic, are in a position to arrive very singular anomaly in these levelling at some definite decision. An efficient atthembest plan, after the committal, to and enlightened days. The necessity for staff is a sine qua non for an enterprise of words, there is only one class here that community. The ipie dixit of Governor is permitted to represent anything or Bowen, that this method of selection was to say that an impost of \$906 as Police Hongkong has a self-constituted sort of tion. It had the effect, however, of political upper class of limited dimensions, introducing a baneful "class" system comprising the leading merchants, two or in our local government which would caused by the landslip in May, 1889; three bank managers and wealthy land- not have been tolerated elsewhere, and lowing to lack of available funds and the owners, some few high-toned stock of swamping the natural and legitimate uncertainty of the law, they cannot recombrokers and general "jobbers," and Mr. | aspirations of the community for an | mend that a suit be proceeded with. Such JNO. J. FRANCIS, Q.C., a numerous middle- elective Municipal Council like those class, which includes store-keepers, the in other colonies, to manage all local astonish both shareholders and the general legal and medical practitioners, the affairs. The time is now ripe for important | public, especially as one of the members and surveyors, commission agents and the colony of Governor des Vœux is a auctioneers, the unclassed array of clerks | fitting opportunity to begin the good work. | it is sound advice. Success or failure

seen a Marine Officers' Association become for the Peak generally, and as the Peak as to law or as to fact." This important difficulties, and under capable manage- urge the Consulting Committee to give the ment would probably obtain within a few reduced-fare principle a reasonable trial; months important measures of reform that at the first favorable opportunity. Present the Government, if left to itself and the rates are simply exorbitant, and in an influences of the favored few who are at present enjoying privileges that belong to the secret of success, the many, will probably 'sleep on' for

THE HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAY COMPANY.

majority of ratespayers. An exception | blundered gelevously in estimating the never were near the visinity where the Soliding econdat to the land the land the character of the land the state of the land the state of the land the land the state of the land the state of the land the state of the land the l

per cent. on the gross receipts-is a considerable item, and under the circumstances 9850 for fees to the members Auditor will probably be considered excessive. It is difficult to estimate Stores (3.746.34), and Maintenance and Repairs (\$2,591.20), but we do not hesitate rates, for what is really a public benefit, is scandalously exorbitant, and ought to be made the subject of special representa-

tions to the Government. The General Managers and Committee have been advised that the Company has a good case to legally recover the outlay a recommendation as this may well practising in the colony; but likely enough would greatly depend on who the enterprise of this sort popular prices are

EXTRADITION ANOMALIES.

believe that the calculations of the promo- | chained to the deck of one of the Viceroy's ters were chiefly based on this source of cruisers, conveyed post haste to Canton, visitors being necessarily a changeable liminaries so popular with the vindicators

probable gross profits. That this is so is taken place. There is no manner of public mind at rest! And we would likefurther indicated by the fact; that against a doubt that in many instances men who wise suggest that the history of the new was a complete farce, delivered up to Appeals to the Supreme Court for an order of habeas torpus have occasionally been made at the instance of solicitors who felt dissatisfied with a more than ordinary disregard of evidence and the principles rarely, indeed with any encouraging success and it has now apparently been recognised submit to the inevitable without any further

considerable attention a few years back in which a Chinese doctor, who headed an insurrection in the Swatow district, was delivered up by the Hongkong Government and beheaded at Canton. Last September an armed insurrection occured at Bellinzona, in the Swiss canton o Ticino, and in attacking the palace some shots were fired—one of which, attributed to a man named Castioni, killed M. Rossi a Member of the Council. Castioni, on the suppression of the insurrection, escaped to London, and a demand for his extradition was made by the Swiss Government. The practice in Hongkong is the practice in England; a magisterial inquiry took place, the result of which was that the magistrate, Mr. Lusnington, granted an order for the man's extradition. This was appealed against, and on November 11th a unanimous judgment was given by Justice DENMAN, HAWKINS, and STRPHEN, overruling the magistrate's decision, and ordering CASTIONI'S release. The basis of the judgment was simply that no lugitive criminal who has taken refuge under the British flag shall be delivered up if his offence is one of a political character. Even assuming that Castioni fired the fatal shot that killed Rossr, it was clear enough that

it was a political offence and not an ordinary case of homicide. As Mr. Justice HAWKINS observed—"the magistrate's decision was by no means sufficient either

judgment establishes beyond doubt that British territory is still a safe refuge for should not be lost sight of in dealing with the by far too numerous extradition cases which are constantly attracting public

> THE QUERIES OF THE UNOFFICIALS.

The unofficial members, of the Legislative Council are doing useful service to the community in Finance Committee by insisting on all necessary details and explanations being supplied before giving of the deposi. and allotment. their sanction to large votes for projected CHINESE extradition cases form the greatest | Public Works. 'And of late they have difficulty experienced by our local Police been making inquiries as to certain heavy THE recently published Report and Magistrates in the performance of their by items of expenditure in the not very far Statement of Accounts of the Hongkong ino means arduous duties. And although distant past, which are also calculated to High-level Tramway Company, Limited, this difficulty is not generally of a strictly do good. Mr. T. H. WHITEHEAD, who for the year ended the 30th November | legal character, it is none the less trouble- has been especially prominent in this last, show results that cannot but be some, and is rarely solved to the complete direction, asked some very pertinent considered depressingly unsatisfactory. satisfaction either of the magistrate him- questions at a meeting held on the 15th And these results must be greatly intensi- | self or of those of the outside public in | instant regarding the very important lied to bond fide shareholders, who invested any way interested in the proceedings. | question of the new water mains and their money, in what appeared on the These extradition cases in the vast distributory system of Victoria water-works surface to be one of the most useful and | majority of instances very closely resemble | recommended by Mr. O. Chadwick, for legitimate industrial enterprises that had each other; the old familiar ground has to which a vote of \$70,000 was asked to ever been started in Hongkong, on repre- be travelled over and over again, and meet the estimated expenditure for 1891, sentations which appear, not to use any the same tragic stories of blood and rapine. The honorable member was naturally harsher term, to have been based on a murder and piracy, with but slight alteradidesirous of knowing what he was actually most uncertain foundation. A few weeks tions as to time and place and the personnel voting for, and his query-Whether there after the Company first commenced opera- of the dramatis' persona listened to from was any risk of Mr. Chadwick's plans tions the success was reported to be so | nondescript Chinese witnesses who in nine | being departed from, now that that expert astonishing that in a very short space of cases out of ten are arrant liars. The had left the colony) was, in light of past time the shares were quoted in the local form of procedure rarely varies and the experiences, very much to the point, And market at from four to five hundred per results never. .. International law is stuck as it elicited a reply to the effect that the cent, premium, and it is almost superfluous to as closely as his Worship knows how resident engineer would not be justified in to say that the golden opportunity was not and as special directions from Government altering or modifying the plans, and the lost of making hay, while the sun was House will allow, but the end is always the I not generally known information that Mr. at its Zenith, by the original promoters same—the unfortunate wretch, whose fate [Chapwick was ]in receipt of \$300" per of the concern. So far as the actual is too often decided by the false testimony annum from the colony as "consulting business prospects of the Tramway Com- of the paid hirelings of unscrupulous, man- engineer at home "in connection with this and ruthlessly stamped out of existence pany are concerned, there has been no darins, is consigned to gaol to wait the work, Mr. Whitehan did not labour in whenever a favorable chance occurs. But | appreciable change from the day it was | Governor's instructions; the Governor's | vain. But something still more important started up till now. Reliance was placed instructions invariably are to deliver him resulted from his inquiry, something that is for a steady incomes from permanent up to the Chinese authorities; the is accord- | calculated to profoundly astonish those who | stready employed in connection therewith and residents in the Peak districts, and we lingly handed over in Hongkong harbour, have taken any interest in the past achievements of the talented staff of the Public Worksdepartment, The Surveyor General revenue, the outside traffic from casual and after the usual blood-curdling pre- committed himself to the astounding state- Onesiphorus Luxion servant, As soon as they I ment that the increased cost over estimates and uncertain element. ... So, far as we can of outraged Celestial laws, the little of the new Central School-Sir Toady learn there has not been such a great tragedy ends in that filthy potter's yard Bowan's vaunted Victoria College-was diminution of the number of bill residents | popularly known as the Execution Ground. | "owing to the foundations of the building as to transform a prospective profit into . Hongkong is unfortunately situated in having turned out a great deal worse than what can only be regarded as a rather being so easily within reach of Chinese was expected ..... provision was not made serious loss, so it would, appear that a criminals as a haven of refuge. The in the estimates for such a bad foundation supposed to be the public welfare, is no solstake was originally made in drawing out misfortune, of course, is the colony's; as was found when the ground was opened decided, upon the motion of the Hon. J. doubt the goal to be reached, but spart a prospective balance sheet. That there the advantage of the position is distinctly up." Mr. Brown, on being catechised by from all personal ideas the officials must has been for the past year a great failing with the Chinese authorities, whose Dr. Ho KAY as to how the foundations. " reach that goal in exact accordance with off in the casual visitors' traffic cannot elaborate spy system enables them; to turned out worse than expected, regretted. their instructions. They are allowed no be doubted; but for this drawback there keep on the track of all dangerous he f couldn't make his words any clearer, latitude whatever; but whether the policy are intelligible causes, and there is every offenders and, with the assistance of the and practically collapsed when Mr. Charge, the Hon. Secretary should invite suggestions, to is good or bad, they represent something reason to suppose that a substantial im- Hongkong Government, to eventually run speaking from an extensive experience of definite, and their positions, however much | provement, in this respect in the near, future | them to earth - taking this last phrase in | such matters, politely, but none the less

other, and in fact there is no actual bond. of only \$1,032.00... the evident conclusion were concerned in an insurrection or listing Legislation becomes Superintendent of the 1 presumed, that should Mr. Forbas of Tientals of union between themound the yast to be arrived at its that someone has against the Government, but they required information about the Central

interest the rate-payers.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

We have now seen the manner in which the colony was founded as a British possession on on the 25th of January 1841, and how with the issue of the Government "Gazette" (Nos. 1 and z, responsible government was established. It yet remains to be known how, when, and in what way, Hongkong was declared a free port. This can be learned by a perusal of the subjoined proclamation issued under the hand and scal of Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary, Capt. A PROCEAMATION.

"It is hereby declared to the merchants; and traders of Canton and all parts of the emp that they and their ships have fice permis ion to resort to and trade at the port of Hongkong. where they will receive full protection from the high officers, of the British nation." Hongkong being on the shores, of the Chinese empire, there will be no charges on imports and exports payable to the British Government. And it is further clearly declared that there will be an immediate embargo upon the port of Canton and all the large ports of the empire, there be the least obstruction to the freedom of Hongkong. Persons bringing information to the British officers which shall lead to the detection of pirates will be liberally rewarded, and the pirates will be taken and delivered over to the officers of the Chinese Government for punishment. Done at Macao, this 7th day of June,

FIRST LAND SALIS. The first public land sales took place in June 1841, under the following conditions:-I. Upon a careful examination of the ground, has been found impossible to put up the number

of lots named in the governmental advertisement of the 7th instant, so only 40 lots, having sea frontage of 100 feet each, can at present be offered for sale. These lots will all be on the seaward-side of the road. Lots on the land-side of the road, and hill and suburban lots in general, it will yet require some time to mark out.

2. Each lot will have a sea frontage of 100 feet, nearly. The depth from the sea to the road will necessarily vary considerably. The actual extent of each lot, as nearly as it has been possible to ascertain it, will be declared on the ground. And parties will also have the opportuntity of observing the extent of the lots for themselves.

3. The biddings are to be for annual rate of quit-rent, and shall be made in pounds sterling; the dollar, in all payments, to be computed at the rate of 4s. Ad. The upset price will be £10 for each lot, the biddings to advance by ros. each bid

4. Each lot having been knocked down to the highest bidder, he will receive an acknowledgment that he is the purchaser of the lot; and this acknowledgment will be exchanged for a more formal title as soon as the precise measurement and registration of the lots shall

Upon delivery of the titles, (deeds) purchasers will be called on to pay the rent for the first year, reckoning from the date of sale. 6. They will also be required to crect upon each lot a building of the appraised value of \$1,000 or to incur upon the land an outlay to that smount within a period of six months from the TAKE a longibreath, gentle reader, for what is date of sale. As security for the performance of this engagement a deposit of \$500 shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer or the superintendents within one week from the day of sale -the deposit being repayable as soon as an equal amount shall have been expended. Noncompliance with these terms will incur forfeiture

J. ROBT. MORRISON.

of Trade.

pence per square foot: 100 1000 Chinese, at that time, as a tributary State, the word rebel was applied by our Celestial enemies with more or less reason) subjects, is to be waged without mercy, at all points, and by all means was the decree that went forth from the one man occuping the Dragon Throne.

(To be continued)....

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

JAPANESE papers report that Sir Edwin and Miss Arnold arrived at Kyoto on the roth inst.

THE Shanghal Mercury bears that Lord Salis bury has accepted Mr. P. J. Hughes's resignation and that he will probably leave Shaughai about March next. The promotion of Mr. Chalener Alabaster, of Canton, appears to be nigh.

A RUMOUR is "going the rounds" in Shangha to the effect that the authorities at Toky Arsenal are burrying on the manufacture of 100,000 Muratarifles. About 1,800 mechanics are others are being engaged.

THE names of the H.M.S. Serbent survivors are Gould, leading seaman; Burton, A. B.; and are able to travel from the scene of the wreck they are to be taken to England and there be placed, technically, under arrest until the conclusion of the court-martial.

A MEETING of the Jubilee Committee was held lat the City Hall on Saturday last, at which Sir. James Russell, K.C.M.G. presided. It was, Keswick, that no decision be arrived at with regard to the form which the permanent Jubilee memorial should take until the community had had a further opportunity of considering the matter, and it was arranged that. be received not later than the 3rd January

A GOVERNMENT GAZETTE Extraordinary issued late this evening (23rd inst.), unnounces that his Excellency Sit G. William Dix Vooux, K.C.M.G. has resumed the duties, of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of this Colony Mr. E. Fleming Gaol. It is also announced that Mr. J. H. Slewast | elect to trythis luck in Happy Valley, his coleure.

HE monthly settlement, although an exceptionally large one, has, we are glad 'to learn, passed off most satisfactorily, and husiness on the Rialto is now healthier and of a more solid n ture than it has been for a long time past. The lesson taught the local would-be Jay Goulds in the golden ora of '89 when fortunes were made. and lost in aday—on paper—has evidently been laid to heart. - Expertus metuil.

THE Secretary of the Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited, received the following telegram from the Company's agent at 4 p.m. on the 23rd inst .: - Sydney, 23rd December, 2.38 p.m. The three tons of pyrites have produced" do ozs. 16 dwts. of gold; nothing will now be done until after the holidays." This refers to: the three tons of pyrites from the crushing, reported by telegram on the 16th inst."

1,025. C.C., was held last evening (12nd inst.) in the Free Masons' Hall, Zetland Street, when Wor. Bro. J. M'Leavy Brown was installed in the Chair by the District Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. C. P. Chater, and the District Grand Lodge efficer. The following officers were invested by the Wor. Master :-Bro. Watson ......Senior Warden

THE regular meeting of Lodge "Victoria," No.

Dyer Bill ......Junior Warden. Wor. Bro. Ray ......Treasurer . A. O'D. Gourdin ... Secretary to, Grace ......Senior Deacon

Newton ......Director of Ceremonics Potis .....Inner Guard Grimble.....Tyler,

SAYS the Bangkok Times: Having now had time to wide through the evidence in the late. conspirey case at Hongkong, as reported in the Hongkong papers, we full to secon what part of it the four jurymen founded their verdict of "guilty" against the defendants, and what is more, the verdict is, in our opinion, decidedly against the Judge's summing up of the case. In these circumstances there is ground for a new trial, and we hope to hear later on, that in the cause of justice, the friends of the two gentlemen who have been thus made the victims of either prejudice or partiality, will take steps to stay execution of judgment and have the case tried anew,--- We could tell our esteemed contemporary -and the day is not far distant when we shall. The triumph of Judas Iscariot was of but short . duration and history repeats itself!

DURING the past fortnight rice has been pouring into Canton. It is chiefly imported from Wuhu where, owing to the unusually bountiful first and second crops, the price is down lower than has been known for many years. The drought still continues in the province of Kwang-tung and has now resulted in the utter failure of the second crop; hence the ever-increasing demand for the "staple of Chinese life," from northern ports. At Bangkok, too, the prospects for the masses are by no means bright owing to the partial failufe of the autumn crops. The "Sban" line and other steamers coming up from Bangkok and Saigon continue, however, to bring una good deal-of rice which is forwarded on to Canton to meet the demand of the Authorities, who are accumulating vast stocks of it, with a view to alleviating the distress which is sure to be widespread throughout the province during the latter part of the present winterand early spring. Best rice is now fetching \$7.65 per picul at the "City of Rams," while the quotation for first quality here is \$2.55, and for seconds \$2.15

to follow can only be swallowed in sections. The much travelled Mr. Henry Norman has returned home and is making his cratwhile confreres green with jealousy, by the free-andeasy manner in which he speaks of the wonders of the world, and of Oriental potentates in particular. In reply to an interviewer he has had the cool impertinence to deliver himself. thus :- "The Chinaman -- don't speak of him. Acting Sec. and Treas. to the Superintendents | Sometimes he is simply horrible, and one meets Chinese that one can hardly accept Several large lots of land, ranging from 500 as human beings. The Chinaman and the to 17,000 square feet per lot; were knocked down | mosquito are the two great mysteries, of at the first sales at an average price of eight | creation." In reply as to what was the most Interesting, Mr. Norman sald :- "The most In the next chapter we shall give some parti- | interesting events were the volcanic explosion culars of the war spirit prevailing amongst the in Japan and the cock-fighting in Manila; the Chinese shortly after our occupation of this most interesting localities were the Great Wall island. "War against Queen Victoria and her lof China, the Tongking-Chinese frontier, and rebellious (England being considered by the | San Francisco; the most interesting experiences were the revels at Bang-pa-in, the summer palace of the King of Slam, and the dances at Soul the capital of Korea; the most interesting men were Lord Lausdowne and Sir Robert Hart; the most interesting place was Temoh."

NOMINATIONS for the Hongkong Derby of 1801 close to the Clerk of the Course at the Hongkong Club on Saturday next, the 27th inst. The conditions, detailed in an advertisement in another part of this issue, are exactly the same as of late years. It is to be hoped, however, that by next season something will be done by the active members of the Jockey Club to make i what sought a to / be the most interesting sporting event of the year, more in keeping with the altered character of modern racing. The present added money-\$100 for first and \$50 for second pony-is simply absurd in these days of big stakes and highpriced racers, "A'esum of at least \$500 for the winner, with \$200 for the second and \$100 for the third, should be added from the Fund, and the whole of the subscriptions ought also to go to the winner. The Jockey Club can well afford to give a great deal more added money than has been the practice, and it only requires owners and active supporters of racing to combine and move in this matter in order to obtain the desired alterations. In another point the conditions for the Hongkong Derby are faulty. and this is in making the standard weight jost. tolb., without regard to the height of the pony. instead of weight, for inches as per scale. A standard weight, as has been urged, may be equally fair to all parties concerned, but it is certainly not fair to the interests of true sport. To put a 12.3 and a 13.4 pony in at even weights over a mile-and-a-half journey, is ridiculous. Entertainer would probably have won the Derby last season under any circumstances, but it must not be lorgotten that he actually carried 111b. under his proper weight, an advantage, which racing experts can thoroughly appreciate, From what we can learn there is likely to be a strong opposition for the forthcoming Derby. and although the highly-tried Royalty appears. to stand out far aboad of any of the dark ones." experienced opinions in Shanghai are much divided as to the merits of Mr. Buxey's " crack." The Ewo stable in said to have a strong hand in griffits, and our latest advices from the M. Deane, rommes the office of Captain-Super- | dates will be furnished from Mr. Sasson's Intendent of Police, his unofficial (scats) on the powerful contingent. "Wayloong's" sporting Executive and Legislative Councils and the Vice- I representative in also credited with possessing Presidency of the Sanitary Board, and Major- | several fivers of the first water, and it is

ADMIRAL Belknap, U.S.N., is expected at Shanghai, with his flagship, the Omaka, on the rumour of an intention on the part of the Monday the 22nd instant.

WE are glad to hear that Messrs. George R. Stevens & Co. have, received a telegram from the Head Office of the Nippon Yusen Kalsha on the 20th inst., reporting that the Company's steamer Harima Maru, which was ashore off the west coast of Japan, has been floated and towed to Yokosuka Dock.

THE Shanghai Mercury hears that the penalty enjoined in the contract between the Chinese Government and the French syndicate, for any delay or failure to deliver over the dock and other works at Port Arthur within the stipulated time, and which would amount to some Tis. 75,000, has been remitted by the Chinese Government upon the application of the Provincial Treasurer Chou-fu.

THE British surveying ship Egeria, Captain A. M. Field, which arrived in port on the 19th inst. from Singapore, reports as follows:-"Left Singapore on the 27th ultimo. Carried fine weather to Labuan, and thence had strong N.E. trades to Manila. Deep sea soundings were taken throughout the plasage. An able seaman, named John Heathman, died during the voyage from Manila to Hongkong."

IT is reported that the Tapanese Government has negotiated a Special Convention with Korea by which the latter will, from the 1st of January 1891, allow the export of red ginseng, hitherto a prohibited article, upon payment of a duty of 20 per cent ad valorem. China, it is rumoured in the "Land of Moming Calm," has forbidden Korea to exchange the ratification of the Convention with the Japanese special envoy who is now sojourning in the Korean

the Formosa Trading Co., has got leave for a time and will be relieved by Mr. Tsai Ying-wel, the late Director of the Coal Mine Syndicate. We hope that the Coal Mine Syndicate will receive Imperial sanction vet, and that that is the reason for keeping Mr. Tsal engaged here.

On Thursday night last, a gentleman of the name of Campbell, after having gazed long and carnestly on the wine while it was red enscenced himself in an outside chair as comfortably as circumstances would permit and went off to sleep. Some hours afterwards he was surto find himself in Happy Valley, minus his watch, a diamond ring, some money, the whole amounting to about \$100. The "Peelers" are on the scent, as usual; and that's just about as far as they will get, probably. In the meantime this should be a warning to those confiding individuals who put such faith in the honesty of chair coolies.

In our issue of the 16th inst. we published paragraph reflecting in no measured terms on the management of the China and Japan Telephone Company. The lecal Agent (Mr. A. Sandford) called upon us in consequence, and on being supplied with the necessary information as to the nature of our complaints, made a therough investigation into the matter and discovered the interesting fact that his operators were in the habit of intercepting any "chit," that they suspected of containing complaints about the working of the lines. Mr. Sandford has, no doubt, often been blamed for not attending to reports of whose existence he was ignorant, and is glad that the matter has at last been brought to his notice.

ABOUT three months ago we published correspondence from Korea to the effect that Ma Greathouse, U. S. Consul-General at Yokohama. had virtually accepted the appointment of Vice-President of the Korean Home Office-whatever that may mean. Confirmation of this news is to be found in a late issue of the Fapan Herald which understands that Mr. Greathouse, the U. S. Consul-General, has telegraphed the resignation of his post to Washington, and has asked for its acceptance by telegram. He will, probably leave in a few days to take up his appointment as Vice-Minister at the Korean Home Office. We believe that this is the highest office to which any foreigner has yet been appointed by the Korean Government-It is not "the highest office to which a foreigner has yet been appointed by the Korean Government." Judge Denny held the same office and von Möllendoiff, a German, capped it by two points at least; and there is no gainsaying that both Denny and Möllendorff were well worthy of the high honours conferred upon them by what is probably the most impotent, and corrupt Administration that exists.

H.M.S. Firebrand and Linnes, the two six-knot gunboats sent out on the 16th instant to catch the Namoa pirates, returned here on the 19th inst. after a fruitless search. One has been scouring the coast to the northward, and the other te the southward. The Firebrand dropped upon a Chinese cruiser at Pinghoi which was on the same mission as the British men-of-war, Beyond giving the mandarins at some of the fishing villages photos of the Pirate chief, Detective Sergeant McIver, who was on beard the Firebrand, was unable to do anything towards affecting the arrest of the chief actors in the now historical Namoa tragedy. It was ascertained at Pinghoi that the pirates' junks had numbers painted on them, which proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the craft which took the pirates and their plunder off the Names on the 10th instant were Hongkong registered fishing junks. We would suggest to the authorities that a valuable slue may be forthcoming were all registered junks promptly mustered with a view to ascertaining the numbers of those that took part in the Namoa piracy. Had this been done last Thursday week the police might have get hold of some of the relatives of the murderers and of their accomplices, with a semblance of promptitude which would have been commendable.

AVERY interesting ceremony took placest the Central Police Station on the 20th inst. in connection | it up to the quarter mile buoy when the Thisly with the closing of a course of ambulance corps | gained a slight advantage. The Victoria then lectures by Dr. Cantille. It will be remembered that some months ago a St. John's Aubulance Corps was started at the Central Station and upwards struggle, drew away and tackled the Thille of sixty members of the Force enrolled themselves, and attended lectures delivered twice a for about a quarter of a mile but the Thistle week by Dr. Cantlie. The course of lectures has now come to an end and the members of quarters of a length and maintained it to the the Force, with a view to marking their appreciation of Dr. Cantlle's kind invaluable services, decided to subscribe to a fund which should be invested in the purchase of a handsome bronze vase to be presented to the worthy doctor. The presentation took place this morning in the presence of a number, of spectators and in a few appropriate words General Gordon, Acting Captain Superintes. dent of Police, presented the vase to Di Cantlie. The latter in schooledging the gift addressed the assembly at considerable length and in the course of his speech sketched the rise and progress of the St. John's Ambalance Corps of London. In conclusion Dr. Cantile said that the members' examination papers had been forwarded to the London Board of Examiners who would duly report the result which he, in his turn, would communicate to the lecal corps. वार हुनार स्व नवान रहते होते हुना हुनुस्तरह स्थानास्त्र

WE learn that there is a good deal of truth in Nippon Yusen Kaisha to extend their lines of steamers to the southward of Hongkong. One route is said to be from Yokohama to Manila and Sourabaya, via Shanghai, Amoy and Hongkong. It does not appear that any very definite decision has yet been arrived at by the Board of Directors in Tokio, but the presence of a fine steamer like the Milhe Maru in these latitudes is somewhat significant at the present mome -t.

MR. W. F. Lay, Commissioner of Customs, met with a terrible accident at Hankow on the 15th inst. He had gone over to Hanyang to inspect a new ice-house. He went up the outside ladder, and then took a step forward, not seeing, owing to the darkness, that there was nothing to step on, and was precipitated to the bottom, a fall of twenty-five feet. His whole face was smashed in, his left side injured and his left wrist and right knee completely crushed. He was rescued as soon as possible and carried home on a stretcher. By last advices he had no fever and was as cheerful as a man so injured could be. We (N. C. Daily News) regret to hear also that Captain Batten of the China Navigation Co.'s steamer Pekin is lying so ill at Hankow-that grave doubts are entertained of his recovery.

### VICTORIA REGATTA.

FIRST DAY, -- THURSDAY, 18TH DICEMBER.

The thirty-fifth Regatta of the Victoria and a really good race resulted. Recreation Club was commenced to-day at Shamerock at last putting on a spleadid noon, the course being, as usual from Yau-ma-ti spurt passed both the Thistle and Rose and to a flag-ship moored almost directly opposite came right up to the Leak and a slight foul the Kowloon Police Station. The Marina was was supposed to have occurred. The Shamrock specially chartered for the occasion by the claimed the race, but the objection to the committee and suited admirably, affording Leek was not sustained and she was swarded ample accommodation for the crowd of visitors | the prize. Time 7 mins. 30 secs. THE Formosa correspondent of a Shanghai who were present. By the kind permission of contemporary thus :- I am glad to state | Col. Chater and Officers the band of the A. and S. is now a certainty that H.E. the Highlanders was present and added considerably Governor remains in his position here. to the general enjoyment of the outing, The Imperial Censors went to Canton from The weather was anything but favorable during Foochow and did not come to Formora at, the early part of the day, the wind being a all, and Mr. Chang Souyü, the late Manager of trifle high and the water rough and choppy, making things extremely uncomfortable for those engaged in the sculling races. programme was successfully carried through and the general arrangements left little room for fault-finding, excepting, perhaps, as regards the tiffin and attendance on board the flagship. The former was of the most meagre description -- a "one-horse" scramble in fact, reflecting anything but credit on those responsible for dis-

pensing the Club's hospitality. The following gentlemen officiated and carried out their respective duties most satisfactorily. Judges, rowing races :- Col. Chater, Mr. R. K. Leigh, Starter :- Mr. John Andrew, Umpire :-Mr. E. L. Woodin. Judge of Yacht Racing :--Capt. J. C. Anderson, Judges of sailing boats :-

Capt. Burnie and Commander Festing, R.N. Appended will be found the results of yesterday's events :- "Junior Sculls Cup,"-Presented by the members of the Victoria Recreation Club, -for single sculls; distance one mile, entrance, \$5, open to any member of the Victoria Recreation Club who has never won a sculling race in China or Japan.

H. Skött, 11st. 5lb, red and white ...... W. H. Potts, x1st. 10lb. white...... 2

Skott was the favorite at the start and having a decided advantage by drawing inside position ultimately drew away from Potts and won rather easily by several lengths. Time 9 min. 5 secs. FOR HEAVY GIGS-open to European Non-Commissioned officers and men of any Regi-

ment or Corps of the Garrison, or European members of the police force; the boats to be 8 mins. 4 secs. approved by the Committee; distance, one "EXCHANGE CUP;" presented by the exchange mile; time allowed for oars, 8 seconds per oar; four boats must start for and prize; entrance.

\$1; first prize, \$15; second prize, \$5. A. & S. Highlanders' Argyl!....... A. & S. Highlanders' Louise ...... 3 A fourth boat put in an appearance but came

too late to start. The Argyll and Louise got off well together, the Engineers being slightly in the The two former made a ding-dong race of it overhalf the course when the Argyll went into smoother water and gaining a lead of a couple of lengths from the Louise kept it to the end. The Engineers, who had fallen considerably behind, made a hold bid for first place but missed t by two lengths and beat the Louiss by about the same distance after a hard fight. Time 7

mins, 27 secs. "LADIES PURSE," presented by the Ladies of Hongkong; for four-cars, distance, one mile; entrance, \$10; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club or boats similar in build to those belonging to se Victoria Recreation Club.

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"Leek."—Second.	

Station No. 4 .- Admiral's Flag. Bow, P. V. Oliver ..... 9st. 12lbs. No, 2 H, W. Metcalfe ...... 10st. 5lbs. Stroke, J. D. Hickley......11st. 6lbs. Cox, H. Brocklebank..... 9st. olb, "Victoria."-Third. Station No. 1 .- Scarlet and White,

Bow, F. C. Dundas .....rost. 81bs, No. 2, Captain Robinson ......IIst, 3lbs. No. 3. F. L. Jackson ...... 12st. 71bs. Stroke, Captain Henderson ..... 11st. Cox, R. de C. Boyd ...... 9st. 3lbs. 

Station No. 2.- Dark-blue and White. Bow, P. S. Bent. .... 10st. 9lbs. Stroke, S. P. Read.,....13st. 3lbs. Cox, G. F. Watts ...... 9st. 4lbs. The Leak was most functed for this event but

failed to realize the expectations of her backers. The Thistle was the first away, closely followed by the Zeek, and these two made a fine race of "collared" the Leek and for a while they raced bow and bow, but the latter after a good, once more. These two raced well together proving the better boat got shead by thrisend-about the samo distance separating the Victoria frem the Leak. The Canton Crew were

never in the hint. Time 7 mins, 3 secs. GRRMAN CUP."-Presented by the German community, for four-oars; distance, one mile; entrance, Sie; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recrestion Club.

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Station No. 2. Red and White, No. 2. W. Licas.

Stroke, H. Skött ......IIst. 5lbs. Cox, H. Sampsen ..... 9st. 12lbs.

"Rose"-Third, .. Station No. 5.-White. Bow. D H. Mackintosh, ......... fost. 6lbs. No. 2, F. H. Walter. ..... 9st. olb. No. 3, M. H. Cabbe, ..... 10st. 4lbs. Stroke. W. H. Potts, ...... trat. solbs. Cox, R de C. Boyd, ..... 9st. 3lbs. "Kornblume."

Station No.1-Black and White. No. 3, H. P. Wadman ......rost. Hilb. Cox, W. Stopani ..... 9st. 4lbs.

"Thistle." Station No. 3.—Red and Black. Bow, P. O. Oliver ...... 9st, 12lbs. No. 2, H. Botel..... rost. . 9lbs. No. 3. T. H. Dalby ..... IIst. 1lb. Stroke, G. L. Duncan..... 1cst. 6lbs.

Cox, M. Fredericks ..... 9st. 10ibs. This was the race of the day and all five boats got off splendidly together, but the Leek soon took a slight lead closely followed by the Thistle, the others well together. This order was maintained for a considerable distance when the Täistle challenged for the premier position but the Leek forestalled them and will maintained the lead. The Rose now came up with a wet sail and joined the Thistle

"TUB RACE," Cup presented by Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, open to all Members of the Victoria Recreation Club. To be rowed in Tub. Sculling Boats approved by the Committee, the property of the Victoria Recreation Club. Distance, One Mile. En-

trance, \$5. L. Jackson, 12st. 71b..... Captain Henderson, 11st. 6lb..... Only two started, but the race was well contested throughout; and after a splendid finish lackson won by about a quarter of a length.

"ST. PATRICK'S CUP;" presented by J. Francis, Esq.; for pair oars; each crew to consist of two members of the same Mercantile hong; distance, one mile; entrance, \$5; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Clubs

"Kathleen."-First

Station No. 1.—Bank Flag. Bow, E. C. Fearon......12st. 5lbs. Cox, H. Brocklebank...... 8st. "Lily."-Second Station No. 4.-Red and White. Bow. G. L. Duncan .....rost. 6lbs.

Stroke, T. H. Dalby ......IIst. 11b. Cox. M. Fredericks ...... 9st. 10lbs. "Eileen," Station No. 3.—Blue and White. Bow, W. S. Taylor ..... 9st. 11lbs. 

Cox, W. Stopani..... 9st. 4lbs. This was another good start, but after a short distance had been covered the Kathleen shewed shead, and it seemed before half the course had been row d, that she was a moral certainty for the event, and really, proved so, winning as she liked from the Lily with Ellein a fair third. Time

brokers of Hongkong; for pair oars; distance, one mile; entrance. \$5; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

"Eileen."-First Station No. 2.-Admiral's Flag. Bow, H. W. Me'calfe .....12st. olb. Cox, F. O. Lewis...... 9st. olb. "Kathleen."-Second.

Station No. 1 .- Scarlet and White, Stroke, Captain Henderson ..... Tist. 6lbs. Cox, R. de C. Boyd ...... 9st. 3lbs. "Mand."

Station No. 3-Red, and White. Cox, W. Brocklebank.....

This was a fine race from start to finish. The Mand had slightly the best of the start but was closely followed and ultimately passed both the Eileen and the Kathleen. The two latter now raced our for our and a fine struggle ensued which finally resulted in the Eilen getting the best of it and eventually won the race by a couple of lengths.

Time, 8 mins. 18 secs. FOR LIGHT GIGS: open to European Non-Commissioned officers and men of any regiment or corps of the garrison, or European crews of any of H.M.'s vessels; entrance, \$1; first prize, \$15; second prize, \$5; time allowed for pars, 8 seconds per our ; boats to be approved by the committee ; distance, one mile. Five bosts started for this race and after a well contested finish the result was :--

Time, 7 min. 8 secs. "CHAIRMAN's CUP," presented by T. Jackson, Esq., Chairman of the Victoria Recreation Club; for four-oars; distance, one-mile-n-half; entrance, \$10. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

"Kornblume,"-First, Station No. 4. No. 2, T. H. Dalby ......ret. 11b. Cox, W. Stopani ........... 9st, 41bs. "Rose,"-Second. 1 10

Station No. 1.-White. Cox, M. Fredericks ........ 9st. 3lbs. "Leek"-Third.

Sistion No. 3.-Red and White. Bow, W. S. Taylor................. 9st. 121bs. Stroke, H. Skött. 

Station No. 2,-Black and Hed. No. 2, R. H. Smytho......tist, solbs. Cox G. A. Caldwell....... 91L., Olb. This event was also splendidly contested and

was throughout a most interesting race. To a fair start, the Lock was the first aways but was quickly overhanded by the Kernblume and finally by the Rese as well. As all four crews were rowing in fine form the result wan at no time a certainty for the lasding boat, but the Kernblume, men managed to maintain what slight advantage they had galand sarly shout half a leagth. Time 10 mins 14 secs.

SAILING RACE-For all open boats. There were five starters namely, the Sailors' Home gig, Harbour Master's, steamer Riversdale's Tylami, Torpedo Depôt's Fiume, and the Commodore's Galley White Swan. The boats got away to a good start at half-past one the Sailors' Home gig leading, with the Commodore's galley second, and a very fine race ensued between these two to the first mark boat off Green Island, which they rounded almost together. The Fiume met with an accident and had to give up. The first mark boat was rounded as follows :---

Sallors' Home gig ...... fo on Commodore's galley..... 50 05 Harbour Master's gig ....... 51 00 Capt. Mooney's Tylam...... 52, 00 Running across to Chung-hae on the wind the Sailors' Home gig increased its lead, the times of passing the second mark boat being :-

Sailors' Home gig ...... 2 05 00 Commodore's galley ....... 05 25 Harbour Master's gig ...... 07 00 Capt, Mooney's Tytam.....2 20 00

The Sailors' Home gig rounded and the Commodore's galley had it all her own way, working well up to wind-ward and running away from the others, the winning mark being passed as

Commodore's galley White Swan 3 0 40 Sailors' Home gig....... 15 00 Harbour Master's gig ...... 30 The Tylam' took a course inside Stonecutter's Island, and came in some time after the others. There was a splendid wind for salling, and the time made in this race is better than for some

The yacht race was won by the Zebhyr which with her time allowance, beat the Naemi by 7 mins. 46 secs.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.

The weather was much the same as on the previous day—excepting perhaps that the wind was a trifle higher and the water a little rougher. The attendance was good and the lengthy programme was carried through without hitch. The International race was a hollow affair owing to Kennedy not being able to row in the Scotch boat, this fact made the odds guinea to a gooseberry on the Englishmen. The various other results were well contested but no great amount of interest seemed to be taken in the Regatta by the general public.

INTERNATIONAL RACE "CHALLENGE CUP."-For four-oars; cup presented by J. S. Lapraik, Eig., to be held by the winning crew for one year; but to remain the property of the Club; distance, one-mile-and-a-half; entrance, \$10; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

"Leek."-First. Station No. 2 -Bow. H. P. Wadman, ......lost. 11b. No. 2, W. H. Potis, ......11st. 10lbs. Cox G. A. Caldwell..... 9st, olb. "Thistle."-Second." Station No. 1.—

No. 3, Captain Henderson, ...... 11st. 6lbs. Stroke, A. G. Stephen, ..... 11st. 4lbs. Cox, R, de C, Boyd ...... 9st 3lbs.

Both boats got away to a good start, and rowing in fair form made a pretty race for the fits quarter, then the English, began to get abeid of their opponents. The Scotchmen made several spurts but the other crew were always equal to the occasion and won as they liked by four lengths. The Scotch crew were wretchedly "coxed" but anyhow they had

no chance with the Saxons. Time 11.23 SENIOR SCULLS,-Open to any member of the Victoria Recreation Club; distance, one mile; entrance fee, \$5; cup presented by the Parsee community.

H. Skött 11st. 5lbs..... E. B. Shecherd, tost. 5lbs..... For a time the boats rowed well together, but the long steady stroke of Skott soon began to tell and he went easily to the front. Shepherd appeared very much out of training and rowed in miserable form. After covering about hel the distance he collapsed entirely leaving Skott to win as he pleased. Time 8 mins. 27 secs.

GARRISON CUP," presented by the Officers of the garrison ; for four oars; distance, one mile; entrance, \$10; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club or boats similar in build to those belonging to Victoria Recreation Club.

"Thistle."—First. Station No. 5.—Black and White. Bow, H. P. Wadman ..... 10st. 11b. No. 2, F. G. Young, R.E..... 10st. 6lbs. No. 3, G. L. Duncan ...... rost, 6lbs. Stroke, G. C. C. Master ...... Iost. Cox, G. A. Caldwell ...... 9st. olb. 

Station No. 3 .- Admiral's Flag. Bow, P. V. Oliver ..... 9st. 12lbs. No. 2, H. W. Metcalfe ...... 10st: 7lbs. No. 3, R. B. Garde ...... 11st. Stroke, J. D. Hickley ...... 11st. 6lbs. Cox, H. C. Brocklebank ..... gst. olb. "Victoria."-Third.

Station No. 2.-Scarlet and White. Bow. F. C. Dundas ..... Tost. Blbs. No. 2. Captain Robinson .......tist. 3lbs. No. 3, F. L. Jackson ..... 71bs. Stroke, Captain Henderson ...... 11st. 6lbs. Cox, R. de C. Boyd ..... 9st. 3lbs.

Station No. 1 .- Dark-blue and White. No. 2, C. E. Lafentz Stroke, S. P. Read. ..... 3lbs. Cox, G. F. Watts ........... 9st. 4158 "Rose."

Station No. 4.—Red and White. Bow, C. H. Thomson .....tost. 12lbs. No, 2, A. H. Ough......iost. Tilbi. Stroke, H. Skott Cox. H. Sampson ............ 9st. 12lbs The five boats got away to a splendid star

the Victoria coming to the front first closely followed by the Leek and Thistle-the Rose lying fourth, and the Canton Crew well out of it before half the distance was covered. This order was maintained until near the flagship when the Thirste and Lith each spurted, the result being a clever win for the former by half a length. Time; 7 mins. 7 secs. (an mer that per chients

FOR HEAVY GIGS : open to European Non-Commissioned Officers and men of any Regiment ex corps of the Garrison, or to European members of the Police Force : the boats to be appoved by the committee; distance, one mile ; time allowed for ours, 8 seconds oar I four boats must start for two prises ! entrance, \$1'; first prise \$15'; second prize, \$5 ; (the winner of race No. 2 first day to be

exciting struggle the result was as follows !---[A. H. Highlanders, Sutherland mining 2] of Allimost in Allington bornelinald bornelinald bornelinald

FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S CUTTERS .- Distance; one mile ; entrance, \$1 ; first prize, \$15 ; second prize, \$10 : time allowed for cars, 4 seconds per oar; boats to be approved by the comexcluded); for boats to start for two prizes. There were five entries for this race. The Emperieuse boat, six oars, came in first, but the Alacrity, five oars, took first prize on time allowance for oars.

AMERICAN CUP."-Presented by the American Community: for four-oars; distance, one mile; entrance, \$10; to be rowed in boa's the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

"Leck,"—First. Station No. 2.—Admiral's Flag. · Bow, P. V. Oliver ..... 9st, 12lbs. No. 3, C. H. Thompson.......lost. 12lbs. Stroke, J. D. Hickley ...... 11st. 6lbs. Cox, G. A. Caldwell ......... 9st. olb. "Shamrock."-Second. Station No. 5 .- Red and White. Bow, A. H. Ough ...... ost. 11lbs. 

Cox, H. Sampson ...... 9st., Islbs. "Thistle."—Third. at then in him Station No. 4.—Scarlet and White. Bow, F. H. Walter, .......... 9st.; olb. No. 2, E. G. Young, R.E., ..... tost. 6lbs. Stroke, Captain Henderson, ..... Tist. 71bs. Cox, R. de C. Boyd, ...... 9st. 3lbs.

"Rosc," Station No. 3.—White. No. 3, R. B. Garde, ...... 11st. 2lbs. Cox, M. Fredericks, ...... 6st. 10lbs.

Station No. I .-No. 2, D. H. Mackintosh,.......rost, 6lbs. No. 3, J. T. H. Sample ...... 1st. 14lbs. Stroke, A. G. Stephen, ...... 1 15t. ji 4 bang Cox, W. Stopani. ......... 9st. 4lbs. A good start was effected and the boats pulled

well together for the first quarter when the Leek and Shamrock began to draw away-the former soon taking a lead which she maintained easily to the finish: winning by several lengths. There was an exciting struggle at the end for second place between the Shamrock and the Thistle. BROKERS' CUP, presented by the Share Brokers of Hongkong; for double sculls; distance one mile; entrance, \$5: to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Station No. 4-Scarlet and White. Bow. C. Robinson ..... 10st 81bs. Stroke, F. L. Jackson ...... 12st. 7lbs. Cox. R. de C. Boyd .......... 9st. 3lbs. "Kathleen,"-Second. Station No. 2.—Admiral's flag. Bow, A. G. Stephen ...... 11st. 41bs Stroke, H. W. Metcalia ...... tost, 51bs. Station No .- Dark Blue and White. Bow, T. E. Griffiths..... Stroke, S. P. Read ..... Cox. G. F. Watts.....

on Elevin of the of the same Station No. 6.-Black and White. Bow, H. Botel ..... iost & gibs. Stroke, O. Eschwind ...... 11st, 12lbs. Cox. ....... The Lily went off with the lead but did not

maintain it long being overtaken by the garrison crew who pulled a good steady stroke, and eventually won rather easily from the Kathleen. The rest were out of the hunt.

FOR MEN OF WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS Distance, one mile ; entrance, \$1 ; first prize, \$10; second, \$5; the boats to be approved by the committee; time, allowed, for oars, seconds per our : four boats must start for two prizes (winner of 4th race, 1st diy, to be excluded.)

Imperiouse galley BELILIOS CUP."-Presented by E. R. Belilios Esq.; for eight-oars; distance, one mile; en trance, \$16; United Services v' Civilians, The crews that started were - Defeate, Hickley

Jackson, Henderson, Garde, Robinson, Dundas, Matcalfe, Oliver. Commerce-W. H: Potts. Skött, A. G. Stephen, Garde, G. H. Potts, A Ough, C. H. Thompson, Wadman. This was a fine race, both crews pulling, good form, but the Defence had the greater

strength and after an exciting struggle won by sbout a length. . . . it with st YACHT RACE : for yachts over to tons.

The Ariel, Zephyr, and Naomi were se away at 1.55 p.m., getting off in theorder named The wind was N.E., with a force of 3 and th yachts set kites while running before it. splendid race took place for the first mark t Ariel leading, with Zephyr second, and Naomi creeping up, and getting abreast of the Zephyr at 2h. 36 m.; Cow-e-chow mark boat 

Ariel ...... 29'. 00 Shortly after rounding the "Artel tacked to t southward, the wind freshening to a force of By 2.38 Naows had assumed the lead, and th Chung-hoe mark boat was passed in the following order :-Naomi. Naomi and Zephyr made from the Hongkong

shore, while Ariel took a course inside Stone cutters Island. The times taken at the flagship Naoms 44 20 Zephyr 52 00 Artel de general de les des co On the run to the Regatta Bay mark Naomi

further increased her lead, the times being :--Transfer To be the state of the Zephyr, ...... 39.11 Affel .... Harmon fre propose propose 4 2 1 7 sty 99: The Nagmi allowing the other two yachts ten minutes, there was little to choose between the three at this point, and an exciting run ensued for the finish at the flagship, which was tounded that the terminal and a few more than

Napmil, ..... (100) Ziphyr ,.... 1 201 Naomi therefore won, having made up her time allowance with the narrow margin of 20 second to the good, " a " 1111 +804 102 01 1102 YACHT RACES for yachts under to tons

. For this race there were only too entries the latter ton minutes if The start was avade at 1.55 p.m., the Arrew getting a considerable lead at the commencement, and the Cow-o-chow mate was passed as follows by

The latter was not timed at the other matter, be communicated to the Taung li-Yamen, who in A. & S. Highlanders' Louise ...... Leing hopelessly bublind. 1. Lightanders' Louise ..... The pelessly bublind.

THE STRANDING OF THE TOKIO MARU."

The Japan Herald of the 5th instant contains mittee; (winner of 11th race 1st day to be the following additional particulars of the Insuct the Japanes: Yokohama-Shanghai liner Tokio Maru (Capt. Drummond), of which we published telegraphic information on the 16th inst; Our Yokohama contemporary says:-"That misfortunes never come singly has been proved by experience to be beyond dispute, but it is probable that in no case is it more accentuated than in regard to vessels. For years a steamship company will go along without accidents, and then two or three will occur in swift succession. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is just now | experiencing this. Only & few days ago we had to report that the Harima was ashore near Inaboye, and before the is extricated we regret to have to record a still more serious accident in the stranding of the Tokio Maru. This vessel was on her way from Hakodate, to Yokohama, and on Friday night she went ashore in the bight hetween Mela ledge and Susaki. News reached the head office on Saturday, and the Kei Maru, with lighters, &c., was sent to her assistance vesterday morning. She returned to-day, and Mr. Barrie, the Superintendent Engineer of the company, left again shortly after noon with pumps, arc. . There are hopes, if the weather keeps calm, of yet getting, her off, as she is lying on the sand, breadside on to the sea, and with a slight list to port. She is making water in both her engine room and after hold, but her fore compartment is clear, and if the swell should go down enough to enable the lighters to get alongside, it may yet be possible to lighten ther and get her off. The accident is reported to have occurred from mistaking Mela Head for Suzaki, and therefore hauling up too soon to the northward."

#### PROCLAMATION BY VICEROY GHANG CHI-TUNG.

!Knowing the richness of the soil of these Provirces, and in order to turn some of the treasures buried, therein into your coffers, I issue this proclamation as Viceroy of the Liang Hu Provinces. I have the Imperial sanction for the carrying out of such enterprises as the erection of front mining and smelting works, I have caused foundries to be built at Hungyang (or Wuchang). The buried treasures I speak of are coal, iron, and other mines, and are, and were from time immemorial, only waiting to yield their heards to whomsoever hath the enterprise to delve for them. In order to make any such undertaking successful, immense quantities of coal must be used to feed the furnaces, and work the engines." Having regard to the peoples welfare I shall not buy any foreign coal but shall employ our own coal, and so enrich the people both individually and collectively. have sent waiyuans to different parts of these Provinces to inspect, and also to Szechuen and Kiangsi, the sample of coal and iron taken from the various mines. Several samples of hard and soft coal have been sent to me, and tested, and many of them proved to be excellent for furnace and ateamship consumption. In Hupch and Honan there are good iron mines, which mean untold wealth to those province wif properly worked. From calculations Lhave made I fine some 7,500 piculs of coal per diem would be consumed by cotton mills, and gun and from factories, and besides a great deal more would find sale with our steamship companies, such as the China Merchants and others. Therefore it is to your own advantage that you should at once proceed to operations on the mines that are under your feet, I will take all the coal, whether hard or soft, you can bring me, and in case cannot tuse: it all myself guarantee to find's market for the surplus. Hithertothe-mines have not been properly or profitably worked: You only got at the surface coal, and you could not keep the water out of your shafts when they were sunk to any depth. To remedy this you must purchase foreign pumps that will easily get tid of the water. Such pumps can be worked by yourselves without the assistance of a foreign supervisor, for the gear and working are very simple. Il assure you I will take all the coal you can bring me, and I will not defraud you in the payments. The Vicercy concludes with a long list of the

places where coal is to be found in Hupeh.

THE-CHINESE AUDIENCE QUESTION. IMPORTANT IMPERIAL DECREE.

The Shen Pas of the 15th inst. contains an Imperial Decree to the following effect :- That all the Foreign Treaty Powers have been up to the present time represented by Ministers residing in Peking.' That various communications have been exchanged with them year by year, and that the Treaty Powers have been drawn into closer friendship and relationship with China and with each other. That the Foreign Ministers are at Peking to look after the nteresis of their respective countries, and to see that the treaties made by those countries with China are carried out, and generally to hold friendly intercourse with Us, for our mutual hapipiness and benefit at which We are well pleased. In:years gode by during the months of January and February, Wellassumed control of this Empire, and her Majesty, the . Empress. Downger Handed the reins of Government into my keeping, and retired herself from the cares of State. On that occasion, acting on her own wish and desired the Empress-Downger ndwised the Toungeli Yamen to invite all the Joreign addinisters; to a banquet, to celebrate the Emperor's marriage, which was then approschings. We have now reigned over this Empire for two years, and have lived in Harmony with all the Treaty Powers, and Wo decree that henceforward the Ministers of those Powers residing at the capital, shall have laudience with Us. of In the 12th year of the I reign of the Emperor Tung Chib, the foreign Ministers ; had andience; with that Emperor, so that now, when the present foreign Ministers apply, for audence, with Us, that precedent shall be followed and audience granted, the l'etiquette distred on that occasion being bbacived. Henceforth, at the beginning of lievery lyear (Chinese reckoning) the foreign Ministern shall be admitted to: Our presence, This is because We are on friendly terms with their Governments, and desire to semain so. All Kinisters and Acting Ministers, who desire to have audience, shall communicate with the Teling Il Vanies who in turn shall memorfallse the Throne, and audience shall be granted at China New West, Tholday after the audience lithe different Ministers, shall be invited to a I, banquet and benceforward this shall be the

standing custom. Should any new Minister atrive at the capital after the audience, he must wait till note Chine New Year, before he can approachalls. In case of extraordinary events, marriages, or such manspicious occasions, the Aerow and the Zylkowers, the former allowing of sundal whall polition the Throne, and allatha Foreign Ministors shall, be invited to a banquet ... We are friendly with all the Foreign Powers, and therefore have We commanded this. te show those Powers our appreciation of their friends to reciprocate it. The mode of addressing Us and the etiquette to be observed. by the different Ministers at the audience; shall

#### MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on the 20th inst. There were present :---His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. F. Fleming); Mr. W. M. Deane (Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. E. J. Ackroyd (Acting Attorney-General); Mr. H. E. Wodehouse Acting Colonial Treasurer); Mr. N. G. Mitchell Innes (Acting Registrar-General). Messrs, C. P. Chater, P. Ryrie, T. H. Whitehead, Ho Kai, and J. Keswick, (unofficial members), and Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Acting Clerk of Councils.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

REYENUE FROM LIGHT DUES.

Pursuant to notice Mr. T. H. Whitehead asked the following question: "Will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing the aggregate amount of Light Dues collected from 1st January to 31st March last, both days last, also both days inclusive?

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied, that the amount of Light Dues collected from the 1st of January to the 31st of March last was \$80,119.09 and from the 1st April to the 30th Novomber last, the Dues collected amounted to \$56,117.64.

NATURALIZATION OF CHINESE. The Acting Attorney-General in moving the second reading of two Bills relative to the naturalization of Lui Sui Tong and Choi Wai. otherwise Choi Tsun, stated that the applicants were merchants carrying on business in Bonham

THE END OF THE CIVIL LIST. The Acting Attorney-General moved the third reading of an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 13 of 1860, for the establishment of a Civil

The Bill was read a third time without ADJOURNED COMMITTEES.

Upon the suggestion of the Acting Atterney-General, Committees on Bills entitled "The Gambling Ordinance, 1890," and "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy. were postponed sine die. Respecting the Gambling Ordinance the speaker said official members of the Council desired to have elurther time to consider the provisions of the

PUBLIC OFFICERS' PENSION FUND. Some opposition was offered by Mr. T. H. Whitehead to the third reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for, and regulate a Pension Fund for widows and children of Public - Officers of the Colony" which was moved, by the Acting Attorney-General. M: . Whitehead urged that the Fund should be controlled by the Supreme Court and not rest entirely with the Governor of the Colony The Attorney-General in reply stated that the control of the Fund would, by virtue of the \*provisions of the Bill, be largely vested in the Supreme Court. His Excellency, the Acting Governor then spoke on the subject at some length and said that a Fund of a precisely similar kind was in a very promising condition in the colony of Jamaica. Rather than cause the Council the trouble of dealing with the Bil again in Committee Mr. Whitehead withdrew his motion for the postponement of the Bill which then passed its third reading.

THE REPORT ON EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC

A long discussion relative to the unofficial members' proposed adenda to the report on the | building of the Civil Hospital Staff Quarters proceedings of the meetings of the Finance Committee at which the estimates of the the making of the foundations of the New "Public Works, Extraordinary" were discussed at length; a long discussion took place, his Excellency objecting to forward it on the grounds that it was drawn up in language that could not fail to convey a false impression to the Secretary of State, for the Colonies, So far from refusing to give information he had, he said, furnished all the information that it was in his power to lay before hon. members. It would be unfair to feward a document of the kind indicated, until the official members had had an opportunity of explaining, from their points of view, the matters therein alluded to.

After some further discussion the Bill was referred back to the Finance Committee and the Council adjourned until Monday the sand inst.

## December 22nd.

THE UNOFFICIALS' MEMORANDUM. His Excellency said that the object the meeting to-day was to deal with the report of the Finance Committee. Since the last meeting of the Council he had had the honour of conferring with the unofficial members respecting their proposed addenda to the report and he thought that some other arrangement could be arrived at in order that no further delay in the transmission of the report to the Secretary of on to the present year, no detailed designs or State might be avoided.

on the Estimates had been dealt with sufficiently for the present. He would lay on the table a memorandum which he had reason to believe would be forwarded by his Excellency to the designs," Secretary of State.

Mr. Ryrie then laid the Memorandum of the unofficial members on the table. It was read by the Clerk of Councils and ran as follows:— ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC WORKS. EXTRA-

ORDINARY, FOR 1801. the Right Honorable the Secretary of State. Lord Knutsford, addressed a most important | mencing works before detailed drawings and despatch to the Government dated 18th April last. We are fully convinced of the apprepriatexess of Lord Knutsford's views and opinions that in the case of any new, work proposed therein expressed and that they apply, with the Surveyor General should in all future cases equal if not greater force, to the estimates for lisy a statement before the Public Works Com-1891. So much so that we desire to draw militee, giving the fullest details, and estimates. particular attention to the concluding paragraphs The Public Works Committee would then of the said despatch. Para: II reads:-

expansive, can afford to construct in a substan- [during those preliminary stages. When money tial way many public works of which there is has been voted by the Council on a definite pressing necessity, but the way in which the Government statement and on the strength of estimates have been framed of late years seems | carefully-prepared detailed plans, no material to indicate a tendency to initiate numerous change should be permitted to be made without works on a perhaps unnecessarily liberal scale, reference to the Public Works Committee, and without due regard to the capabilities of the without the consent of the Council obtained Public Works Department, the relative import- thereto. Buch a course as this would secure to ance of the works, and the possibility of defray- the public an efficient and effective control over ing the total expenditure to which the colony the incoption and execution of extraordinary will thus be ultimately committed." A track of

orPara: 12 reads: - on inc. digit sunse an accurate statement showing all the public medium of the Committees warned." works, which, are in contemplation, with the practice of sanctioning and commencing work, gone and sanction of the finite of the practice of sanctioning and commencing work. estimated cost of each, the amount shent on his works before detailed drawings, designs, each up to the aist December plast and plans and estimates have been carefully prethe amount it may reasonably be expected pared cannot be supported and should be disthat the Public Works Department will be able | continued. to spend on each during the year. I need We further recommend that before sanctionscarcely point to the futility of placing on the ing further new works, than those already au- has therefore to be gone, on with we do not estimates sums largely in excess of the powers | therised, the many important public works al- disapprove of the decision of Government to of that Department to make use of The state. The state, ready commenced should be pushed on to sanction and carry out the Hon. Of Childwick's ment requested should include details and completion. It is the proposals and plans, but we are now of apinion explanations of the item for "Sanitary. Works" Wo beg leave to make the following observa- that it would have been better when such deci- parting the restrement obother. Firming consewhich was originally \$1,500,000 (of which shout) | the undermentioned public works. | sion was approved of by the Council that it \$100,000 has been speat), and as to which mo

that even if funds are forthcoming it will take many years to carry out the programme now contemplated, and unless some works are altogether postponed others of pressing necessity must be delayed,"

And Para: 13 reads:--"Pending the receipt of the information above

those which are deemed to be of urgent

In the misute of his Excellency the Officer Administering the Government on the Estimates for 1801 dated 20th October last, paragraph'y

"The revised estimated ordinary expenditure for 1891 is \$1,674,780. The estimated extraordinary expenditure \$920,279 instead of \$804.279 as stated by the Officer Administering the Government a short time age, some omissions having been made in the draft estimates as originally, prepared. This makes a total expenditure of \$2,595,059. Instead, therefore, of having a balance of \$46,000 on hand at inclusive, and from 1st April to 30th November | the end of 1891 there is an estimated deficit of about \$100,000."

"But the greatest increase on expenditure is caused by that estimated as necessary for Public

"As a proof of the continued increase of expenditure under this head it is worthy of remark that in the year 1875 the amount expended on the Surveyor General's Department, on Public Works and buildings, roads, streets and bridges | despatch, ... amounted to \$100,042 whereas for 1871 the estimated sum for the Surveyor Generals, the water and drainage and the Sanitary Depart ment amounts to no less than \$920.279 while the total amount estimated for the construction of such public buildings as, have actually been commenced or are in contemplation is \$2 540,267, which will have to be further increased should a new gaol be constructed."

decided opinion of the Secretary of State regarding the estimates for 1800 and the great and growing increase of public works expenditure pointed out by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government in the minute quoted we deeply regret the continuance of the practice, hitherto obtaining on the part of the Government when the outlay was on a limited scale, of asking for such large votes of money without providing us with more complete information and more reasonably, detailed statements respecting the proposed public works than those which it has been customaty to supply. Government has invited us to sanction it spending upwards of \$920,000 during 1891. We seriously question whether this amount is not largely in exce s of the powers and the capabilities of the Public Works Department to make proper use of We think such sums should be voted cautiously and with great circumspection. addition to the information now supplied, we earnestly desire to record our opinion that for the future before being asked to vote we should be provided with reasonably detailed statements of

each of the proposed works, setting forth all the reasons which necessitate and justify the proposed expenditure, also, we think that reasonably detailed designs, drawings and plans, should in each instance be produced. All this should be done, we submit, at such a time that we may have ample and sufficient opportunity for due inspection and deliberation, and of becoming acquainted will all the reasons for sanctioning the proposed work and ascertaining the cost it is really likely to entail. With such evidences of wastefulness and

extravagance as attended the building of the Victoria College, as are connected with the at a cost of \$73,000, and seem to be attendant on Central Market, and for other good reasons, it is absolutely incumbent upon us to vote public monies cautiously, and with due circumspection.

The Resolution agreed to after modification by the Legislative Council on the 3rd ultimo asked for a general statement, embodying reasonably detailed particulars of each proposed work and setting forth the necessity for such work, in order that the Council might know exactly why and for what they are voting the

The information supplied us has not, in our opinion. been of a sufficiently detailed nature we desire to express a hope that previous to being asked to vote large the future all such particulars will be given as will enable us to judge of the extent and nature of the work proposed and of the cost which its completion will entail in so far as such can possibly be ascertained.

As an instance of how matters have been carried on we may be permitted to here quote an extract from the Surveyor General's letter of 17th June last to the Acting Colonial Secretary:— "I attempted to prepare a satisfactory estimate for the new year, but failed, for the simple reason that for some of the works included in the estimates for 1880, which had to be carried estimates, so far as I can ascertain, had ever Mr. P. Ryric-said he thought that the report | been prepared, and it was hopeless without assistance, in the very limited time available before the date fixed for sending in the estimates, to attempt to prepare all these estimates and

> And, further, the Surveyor General's letter of 14th August last, also to the Acting Colonia

Secretary, para: 2 reads :---"The preparation of these estimates has involved an unusual amount of labour owing to the introduction of the new form, of estimate In connection with the estimates for 1890 and to the practice which appears to have prevailed in the past of sanctioning and comestimates had been prepared."

We earnestly and respectfully recommend

'consider each 'one, and report upon it to the Finance Committee; and no Vote should be "I do not wish to imply any doubt that the lasked from Council until the fullest details of colony, provided the revenue continues to remain: every nature had been obtained and considered public works, and over the expenditure thereon. a control which it is impossible for the Council "I shall be glad to receive at an early date | effectually "to exercise except "through the nor the building has been decided upon, and

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almost impossible to make a fixed "contract for the cost of laying the foundations' because so much depends upon the nature of the foundation. It was not let for a lump sum but it is nevertheexactly what the amount would be. The work I shall be sufficiently completed. is paid for according to how much is done. A I do asked for, I limit my approval to those works to not know how you could let it for a lump sum which the Colony is already committed, and to until you know what you have to do. I have endeavoured to explain, that when the contract is let under the system of measurements it is the Engineer in charge who measures up the work. The Engineer in charge of the work is responsible for all measurements of which he has

We are strongly in favour of contracts being made for a lump sum. The colony is committed to an unknown and unlimited expenditure if the contract sum is not fixed beforehand.

We would urge the imperative necessity for all measurements being made by the Engineer -not by the overseer-and that the rule be not in any one instance departed from.

.We cannot but regard the increase in th Estimate from \$235,000 to \$270,000, proposed to be spent on this work, as excessive and extravagant, and are decidedly of opinion that a reduction in the amount, consistent with efficiency and the Colony's requirements, can be effected.

GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE. We heartily approve of this very desirable and necessary work, and carnestly hope it will be pushed on to completion with all possible

PRAYA RECLAMATION.

SITE FOR PROPOSED NEW WESTERN MARKET. We are sorry to observe that little progress, has been made with this work, though it was commenced as long ago as 1888. We recommend that the undertaking be proceeded with with as little delay as possible, so as to permi of the construction of the proposed new western market. A return on the heavy outlay to be In view of the above very clearly expressed and | incurred would then be obtained, and a considerable sum would be realized for the site of the present western market.

> NEW ROADS AND PREPARITARY WORKS. KENNEDY ROAD SITES. We earnestly hope that 'the difficulties with the military authorities will soon be got over, to

> enable the proposed work to be proceeded with with a view to disposing of the desirable building sites which will be then opened up. . . The erection of a new gaol is in our opinion

undesirable and unnecessary inasmuch as the present building has proved in the past most healthy and is in good repair. We think it is capable of extension in such a manner as to provide for all necessary requirements. Being informed that the two commissions which last sat on the question had arrived at the conclusion that there is over-crowding, we therefore recognise that it may be necessary to extend the present gaol and we will be prepared to vote the money for an extension in due course.

We have not voted the money for the requisite additions as the sum required is unknown, and no definite scheme has been determined upon nor have plans, so far as we know, been prepared. We have reason to believe there are a large number of mendicants who make their way over to the colony from the mainland of China. There seems to be a concensus of opinion in favor of devising some system whereby criminals could be deported with some reasonable guarantee that they would not be able to return to the colony, and further that nothing but flogging for the worst class of native criminals has any deterrent effect whatever.

The separate system or, solitary confinement seems to be an unknown quantity. All are not agreed that it is the most deterrent. Its reformative effects are more or less a specula-It will be unwise to experiment on a large scale in this direction until more is known about this system's effects.

CATTLE DEPOT EXTENSION AND NEW SLAUGHTER HOUSE-PIG AND SHEEP DEPOTS. In the Estimates for 1880 the estimated cost

was \$74,000. It has now risen to \$100,000. and the Surveyor-General thinks that this amount will be a close approximation to the The present system re pigs and sheep

certainly requires to be improved, and we regard a new slaughter house as absolutely We cannot, however, but think that the sum proposed to be spent is on altogether too extravagant a scale.

FUBLIC LAUNDRIES. We think the proposed experimental scheme worthy of a fair trial. It has been strongly recommended by the Sanitary Board.

The peconiary risk is small, while the possible advantages to be derived are great. CIVIL HOSPITAL, STAFF QUARTERS.

We think it well to quote the Surveyor-General's own words from his letter of 17th June ast to the Acting Colonial Secretary, para. io:-"The increase in the estimate of the quarters for the Hospital Staff from \$43,000 to \$75,000 is thus accounted for. On my arrival I found the foundations practically completed to the level of the ground floor. On these foundations, an expenditure of no less a sum than \$12,800 had been incurred. The designs were prepared and it was practically impossible to deviate from them to any considerable extent without incurring additional expense in altering the foundations. As the Government was committed to the work there appeared no other course open than to complete them as economically as possible, and the contract was let by public tender. I can, however, but regard this, building as altogether on too large and extravagant a scale for the

purpose for which it is intended." Hiseasible, we strongly urge the conversion of part of these new quarters, which are to cost such a large sum; into an addition of the hospital.

POLICE STATION, KENNEDY TOWN. We recommend that this Station should be occupied as soon as possible. The building is to cost upwards of \$41,000, and the Surveyor. General reports that it is a work of primary importance. If not occupied the building is certain to deteriorate and ultimately further expenditure will be necessary.

RECONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNOR'S PEAK

RESIDENCE. We are of opinion that a new Summerresidence at the Peak is necessary, the present being wholly unsultable. The vote of \$40,000 passed in Finance Committee on the statement of the Acting Colonial Secretary that "we must vote the amount on principle, and that in this case we are asked to vote for a principle," we sincerely trust will not be increased later on us we are given to undertand that neither the site therefore the amount passed was merely guess

WATER AND DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT. We do not feel satisfied that the engrmous expenditure of \$182,500 already voted on the sewerage of Victoria was a desirable one, to incure but as the work has been commenced and

Il seems to us that it may be desirable sooner or later to amend the Constitution of the Sanitary Board so as to entrust it with the supervising authority of the Water Supply and the Drainage less a contract. It would be impossible to say | works- -public and private alike-when the same

GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FXTINSION OF NEW The COURTS!

We are not satisfied that these works are of urgent or of even pressing necessity, and we therefore recommend that they be postponed. Questions of Finance and of Expenditure are matters which fall specially within the competence of the unofficial members. No expenditure

should ever be made until it has been sanctioned by the Council. Essential works already commenced and in course of construction should be systematically pushed on and completed. The unifficial members should, we submit, be consulted before any moneys for new public works are inserted in future Estimates

The value of the unofficial element lies in the direction of a right to be consulted before anything is done which will commit the colony to any serious expenditure, and, in affording the public through it, an opportunity of discussing every matter before such matter is brought into final operation. 3 3 3

A Public Works Committee exists in name

P. RYRIE. C. P. CHATER. J. J. K. SWICK.

Hangkong, 20th December, 1390.

the Givernment of Hongkong His Excellency said that the document laid on the table, with a view to having it forwarded to the Secretary of State, would, he felt sure, be sent to its desired destination by the Governor, "Sir William des Voux, with much pleasure. He was glad that the unofficial

ere the Governor returned to these shores. explanatory address spoke upon all the points would leave early the next morning. I did to the Public Works Extraordinary he was under lime. I considered that a matter for the the impression that the three reports of the Sur- naval authorities, and if I am to blame to any veyor General fairly covered the ground. As extent it is that I did not request the nava to the necessity of improvement in the accom- authorities to send the Linnet, at any particular medation of prisoners at Victoria Gaol there time. That did not strike me as being a part could be but little doubt. The way in which I my duty. I thought therequest that the gunboat prisoners were confined for debt was not such | should go at a particular hour was a matter as was in keeping with the spirit of the times in | ratherforthe naval authorities than myself. Why which we now live, and it would be a question I the Linnel did not go until next morning I canfor consideration, whether such a custom should not take upon myself to say, but I have spoken be continued. A good many leading citizens to Commodore Church since on the subject, with whom he had conversed on the subject and his impression was that the particular thought it could hardly be abolished. If, how- object in sending the gunboat was rather to ever, it were continued there was no doubt but obtain information than with any idea at that that reasonably suitable accommodation for period of being able to do anything in the wa debters must be provided. If a citizen contracted fraudulent debts a remedy at law was provided here as elsewhere. As to the question of cubic space necessary for each prisoner he had ascertained that as many as eight Chinese prisoners were confined in cells which were built to accommodate but three. That was directly contrary to the spirit of the Public Health Ordin- | before the Linner's arrival. I believe that that

ance, and, legally speaking, the Superintendent was one fact which influenced Commodore of the Gaol could be prosecuted and punished Church in not having despatched a gunboat for it! He had sent certain propositions to the sooner. There may have been another fact, Secretary of State in respect to what he considered, and I believe there was, which was, that Comafterpersonal inspection and careful inquiries, were | modore Church thought that by going up the necessary improvements of the Gaol. Until Lord | coast in daylight, the boat might prove m Knutsford's reply thereto was to hand it would useful than if she started during the course of be useless to submit plans and specifications to the afternoon, when darkness would have come the Council—that would be done in due course. on them very soon after starting. These are the When he did so later on he felt sure that circumstances connected with what took place the Council would willingly vote the required on that day, and as I have already mentioned sum to meet the expenditure. Referring to large | saw Commodore Church about ten o'clock in the numbers of criminals who should not be kept in | morning, I saw Mr. McLeavy Brown about half the gaol, his Excellency said that the full ity of an hour afterwards, and I then expressed the the present system of deportation was only too desire that a gunboat should be sent. It has manifest, and that the subject of the permanent | been suggested that in addition to the gunboat expulsion of a certain class of criminals would having been sent, it might have been possible no doubt meet with the careful and prompt con- for the Government to have sent one of their sideration of the Governor upon his return here. His Excellency concluded by saying that, as in the past so in the future he would do all that was possible to provide members with all particulars of sums upon which their vote was required. He could see no objection to such a course being

followed and thought that the Governor would not object to it either. The report on the Estimates for 1891 was formally adopted, the sum of \$100,000 being nione dissallowed.

THE "NAMOA" PIRACY AFFAIR. Mr. T. H. Whitehead gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would ask :- " Wha reason the Government had in despatching H. M. S. Linnet in search of the pirates who looted the Namos on the 10th ins ant?"

His Excellency explained the reason of the delay in the despatch of the Linnet at considerable length, and said that he preferred t do so at once rather than keep the public without the information for another fortnight. In the course of his remarks he said that at 10 am on the 11th instant: Commodore Church called on him and reported what he had heard on the subject. He (the Acting Governor suggested the 'despatch of 's/gunboat 'and the Commodore concurred in that plan. He tolthe Commodore that before despatching a gunboat he would communicate with Mr. MacLevey Brown Commissioner of Customs, as that off cial might supply useful information of the part of the coast where the piracy was committed Mr. Brown called on him promptly and agreed to despatch Copt. Stewart, of the Chinese revenue cruiser | Kalban, on board the Linner He then in wrote a mote to the Commodore telling him, of what had been decided upon That was at a first ame on the Eith clastant, During the course of the afternoon the Commodoro sent him an official despatch stating the Linus would start early the next morning. He the Acting Governor, did not ask the Commodore ito : despatch the Linnet at any special time. If he was, to blame it lay in his not having retated about their ration which wither gunboat tshould eleaver www. the Linkston did it not go until the mext morning he had not taken steps to ascertain, but it was stated by the Commodore that the gunboat was sent rather with a view to getting information than to do any thing more effectual. Another probable reason fer not sending the Linnet up the coast that afternoon was because it might have been useidssito get to the spot; where the pirates were supposed to have landed; in the night William was what he gethered from the Commodere at 10 o'clock a.m. As to despatching the Fame, his Excellency showed that that would have been supracticable, and sind vivable, as had been proved on the occasion of a previous piratical attack on a British vessel some 22 THE CHANGE OF COVERHMENT.

20 Me PonRylle addressed the Council's his capacity as senior thomicial mamber, res should have been arrived at in such a manner as He said, amongst other things, that the THE "NAMOA" PIRACY AFFAIR.

THE NAVAL AUTHORITIES TO BLAME.

"At the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 22nd inst, his Excellency the Acting Governor, in really to a question put by Mr. T. H. While. othe despatch of a British gunboat to the scene steamship Namoa on the roth instant:-

of the piratical and murderous attack upon the Satisfactory for me to at once answer the bon. member's question than to wait till after the carrival of the Governor. I will therefore state' shortly the facts as to what took place in so far as I am concerned in relation to this matter, About ten o'clock on the morning of the 11th inst. Commodore Church came to see me and informed me of what had taken place. At that time I had received no official report from any me what had been related to him, and I then suggested that it might be desirable to send a gunbout to the scene of the piracy. The and I told him that before sending a gunboat it l-would be well if I could see Mr. McLeavy Brown. who probably knew the locality well and would and The Acting Colonial Secretary-I think, sir, I abe able to give me valuable information. I should like to add that the story as, it appears in sent to Mr. McLeavy Brown, and he very kindly the paper is not altogether correct. It is true came to see me in half an hour's time. I told that I did take the Fame out with some armed him what the Commodore had mentioned to policemen on board, but my object was to put me, which facts had come to his knowledge myself in communication with a gunboat that To His Excellency The Officer Administering previously. He agreed with me that it would had started after the pirates before. I received be desirable for a gunboat to go and said that he would ask Captain Stewart to accompany the gunboat, If such would be agreeable to Commodore Church, Captain Stewart, I may the island, but found that the men had left mention, is captain of the Kaipan, a revenue cruiser. I wrote to the Commodore and told had gone out in the same way and had arrested him of the offer of Mi McEcavy Brown, and members had adopted the course pursued in that Mr. McLeavy Brown would request Captain drawing up the said decument in lieu of the Stewart to communicate, with him, in order that proposed addenda to their report on the he might go with the gunboat if such was con-Estimates. The course pursued would facilitate sidered desirable. This was about it o'clock. the despatch of business and leave little or for Mr. McLeavy Brown came to me shortly nothing undone that should have been done after the Commodore had left. During the course of the afternoon I received information His Excellency then in a very lengthy and by letter from the Commodore that the Linnet raised in the memorandum. - As to the complaint | not consider it necessary to request Commodore that there was not sufficient explanation in regard! Church to send a gunboat at any particular

of securing any of the pirates. It must borne in mind that the Namoa came in at eight o'clock that morning, that what had taken place took place about one o'clock the previous day, and that therefore if any of the pirates had landed at that particular spot where the Zinnet made for, they would probably have got away own steamers, namely the Fame. I candidly I admit that on that particular day it did no occur to me to send the Fame, and I thought would be far better for a gunboat to go than for a colonial steamer; but a few days after wards when more information was received connection with the whereabouts of these pirates, it did strike me that it might be possible to send off the Fame in a short time. Accordingly I directed steps to be taken to uscertain if sh could be sent off. . The Colonial Secretary, how ever, very properly brought to my notice th difficulty in sending the Fame, and that idea was abandoned. The reason of this was tha some iwenty-two years ago this very! Fame was sent on a similar expedition, and the Secretary of State wrote a despatch complaining that such a thing had been done, I will read you some extracts from the correspondence that took place. "The correspondence was for warded in a despatch from the Colonial Office dated October 22nd, 1768. It is a forma despatch, and the Secretary of State does not make any comment on the matter, ... enclosed in the first place a letter from the Minister at Peking, 'addressed to Lord Stanley The Minister at Peking says, " I have seed a copy of a despatch received from Her Majesty's Consul at Canton relating to an ex pedition by the Police into Chinese territory

and I quite agree with the expressions in re

ference to this matter. Is have to difform you

that a copy of the despatch has been sent to the

Foreign Office for consideration." Referring to

the China Mail. Her Majesty's Consulat Canton

says, "I am of course not in a position to verify

on the subject, but I think it right to bring the

matter to your notice; as it bears orima facts

evidence of being correct? Possibly the Hong

koug Government may have communicated wit

the Chinese Magistrate in Kowloon and obtained

some sanction for the proceeding, but if no such

authority was obtained it is one fraught with

datiger to our amicable relations with the Chinese

Government a clear invasion of international

rights, and calculated to weaken the right to

appeal to the Chinese Government for redress

under similar circumstances, the lateleysing of the

salt "gabelle" in British waters being an instance.

Under any circumstances the employment of Co.

existing treaty or regulation; and may lead to

serious difficulties and complications Situated

as Hongkong is on the shore of the southern

part of the Chinese Empire, great care and dis-

cretion should be exercised in respect to interna-

Hohal relations, and It fusts milleu can be best

arrived at by the British and Chinese authorities

tions." I will read the extract from the Chies

Mail which gave rise to this question. It is in

the notice of the occurrence which appeared

wanted having left the village ther visited few hours previous to the Fame's arrival. We are always glad to see vigorous action on the part of the police, but had the junk been captured by the Fame, or, what was possible the Fame captured by the junk, we are sadly afraid. that some question would have been raised as head, gave the following reasons for the delay in to, this performance of Imperial duties by a colonial tug. If we are going to have a gunboat well and good, but it is of little use sending out one, pop-gun and a few His Excellency-I think, inasmuch as if any police, to capture well-armed junks." In one is responsible for what took place in regard | consequence of that correspondence I did not to this watter, it is myself, it will be more | consider it desirable that any further instructions should be given about the Fame going in search of these pirates. I think those are all the observations I have to make. In the latter part I have gone beyond what was asked in the question, but as it has been commented on in the newspapers that the Fame did not go out, I thought it was only fair to the Government and myself to show why that course has not been adopted. I may say that on the 11th inst. one, not had the matter been in any way officially the Consul at Canton was telegraphed to, and a brought to my notice. The Commodore told | telegram was also sent to Macno, where it was thought the pirates might land, and in order that might see myself what had taken place in so far as I could, I went myself on board the Commodore expressed his willingness to do so unfortunate ship two or three hours after her arrival and made all the enquiries possible in connection with the matter.

information that she had gone to the wrong island, and on going out I found that she had gone to the wrong island. The Fame went round

Mr. P. Ryrie said in former years the police

. The subject then dropped.

THE RETURN OF THE GOVERNOR.

Respecting the expected return of his Excellency the Governor during the course of the day Mr. P. Ryrie, senior unofficial member. addressed the Acting Governorat the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 22nd inst. as

Your Excellency, before we adjourn I should like with your permission to say a few words with regard to the tenure of your office as President of this Council for the last nine months. think, and I am sure every member of this Council will agree with me, that it has been a satisfactory one, and that the manner in which you have conducted the business of this Council has never been surpassed in this colony. On any occasion when any member had any particular matter to bring forward you have shown a disposition to help him in what he wished to accomplish, and if possible to carry out what he desired. It is not an easy thing always to preside 'over a Council of this nature. You have two elements here, the official element and the unofficial element. Sometimes the unofficial element is inclined to question matters which have been done, and you have always met them. in the most conciliatory manner, as we can all testify. Even in the late discussion on the Estimates, although it has been a long, and tedious business, no acrimony of any kind entered into it. We met and amicably discussed the matter. You yourself have taken considerable trouble in connection with them and have received members both here and at Government House, and have expressed your views and your wish to meet them in every way. I have had a long experience of this Council-nearly twentyfour years now-and I speak with the authority experience. We thank your Excellency for he manner in which you have presided over this. ouncil for the last nine, months, and we. sincerely hope that it will not be the last over which you will preside. (Applause.)

His Excellency made the following reply :-Mr. Ryrie and hon. members, I thank you very much for the kind words that have just been spoken. It must be at all times satisfactory to one who has more or less important duties to perform to believe that he has performed them o the satisfaction of those whom they concern. From faults and shortcomings none of us are free, and I'am quite aware that the work that has fallen to my lot during the last ten months has by no means been done in the perfect manner that it might have been. But, I can assure you of this, that I have spared neither time nor trouble in endeavouring to deal with the different questions that came before me, and I have the satisfaction, at all events, of knowing that none have been shelved, that several have been settled, and that few have remained unsolved. I have to thank you on my part one and all very sincerely for the kindness with which you have supported me since I have presided ever this Board. Our opinions may sometimes have differed, and if on any occasion I have been unable to comply with the suggestions that you have made I hope you will do me the credit to believe that any such action on my part has been prompted by no desire to oppose your wishes, but has simply been in consequence of what I conscientiously believed to be my duty. (Hear, hear), I desire to take this opportunity of publicly expressing to all members of the Civil Service the assistance they have rendered me during the greater part of the last year, assistance which has gone far I may say very far, towards lightening the burden of my task. There is also another matter I am desirous now of alluding to .... It., is., to one who is not a member of this Council, but who is a member of that other Council before which every important matter is debted previously to its the truth of this newspaper statement, having no General Digby-Barker. 1 cannot feel too prateful to him for the very valuable assistance and information he has at all times so readily afforded to me in connection with the many important matters we have discussed together. The position I have held amongst you during the last ten months will necessarily become changed, but'I have pleasure in feeling that my connection with you will not be severed. As I have done my best to work for this colony in the past, so shall I endeavour to do so in the future. In conclusion, I sincerely hope that the year which is about to dawn upon us may prove in every respect a happy one for this colony, and I can entertain no better wish than that during the Under any circumstances the employment of Co-ilonial Police beyond the colony, and particularly advance in strides as rapidly and in prosperity squadron is certainly not authorised by any as great as it has during the fifty years which before wery long will become numbered in the

unuals of the past. (Loud applause.) CHADJOURNMENT, His Excellency said he thought that being how close on Christmas, time it would be better to adjourn for a fortnight. If the Governor on his arrival thought that a longer adjournment was desirable it would be easy to send notice to that effect to members.

The Council then saljourned to the 5th the issue of the 1st July, 1868, and states | Jahuary or

The The steamer Fame left this port, we under the covernor's Arrivat. gun, Capiain Superintendent Deane, luspector accompanied by Lady, dos, Voux, arrived in the information has ever reached me. The public of the Surveyor General stated in Finance would have guarded against any possibility of colony is actually committed any material alterations or of any changes in object, as is alleged of scarching Mire Bay steamer Pakin after an absence of about any designation of the super- and departures from these plans, by a thing is his emphrical stated in Finance would have guarded against any possibility of colony yesterds, after an absence of about should be distinguished, and a statement made into for the super- and departures from these plans, by a thing is his emphrical public of the business which extended over 24 years. (Applause). Their search was unsuccessful, the Junk from the British fingship his Excellency and

Lady des Vœux landed at Pedder's Wharf shortly Lissis shares of \$50 paidafter half-past five o'clock, by which time a large concourse of people had gathered to receive them. The fact of his Excellency having left the steamer and set out on board the launch Victoria for the wharf, was made known to the crowds gathered on the Hongkong tide by a salute from some gunboats. A guard of honour from the A. & S. Highlanders and the band of the same regiment were drawn up near the whatf to receive the party, and immediately his Excellency landed be was received midst much cheering and handshaking with the strains of the national anthem. From the wharf his Excellency proceeded to Government House by way of Pedder Street, Wyndham Street, and Glenealy, the route being lined with police. Amongst those present on the wharf to receive the Governor were all the naval, civil and military local dignituries and many of the oldest and most respected of the residents in "our island home."

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WORKING ACCOUNT.

Charges Account .....

Police Rates.....

Coals and Stores .....

Maintenance and Repairs ......

Interest .....

General Manager's Commission

(onsulting Committee's and

Auditor's Fees .....

Balance to Profit and Loss.....

By Traffic Receipts for the year to

Transfer Fees .....

Amount carried forward from last

E. & O. E.

Year ......

date ....\$ 25,185 20

I have compared the above Statement with

the Books and Vouchers of the Company, and

THE CITY HALL.

The annual meeting of shareholders in and

subscribers to the City Hall was held in the

Public Library on the 23rd inst. There were

present Mr. J. J. Keswick (Chairman); Messrs.

tion commenced subsequent to that date.

ACCOUNTS.

The balance in the hands of the honorary

treasurer on the 30th June, 1890, was \$8,478.63

CITY HALL ACCOUNTS, SHEWING RECEIPTS AND

DISBURSEMENTS FROM 1ST JULY 1889 TO

30TH JUNE 1890.

in last Report .....\$ 5,122.54

600 00

\$15,090.32

J. J. KESWICK,

Chairman.

The following is the report :-

as shewn by the following account.

To Balance in hands of Hon. Trea-

surer on 30th June 1889 as shown

Rent of Theatre, St. Andrew's Hall,

Ball Room, &c., &c.....

Rent of Chamber of Commerce ...

Subscriptions collected between 1st

July, 1880 and 30th June, 1890.....

Government Grant for 1889 ...... Interest on current account in

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

Corporation to June 1800 .....

Final Dividend on claim against

the Oriental Bank.....

Repairs, alterations &c.....

Government Fire Brigade .....

Museum and Office expenses, print-

ing, binding, &c. .....

Insurance Premia

Balance in hands of Hon. Trea-

surer on 30th June, 1890.....

ly Wages, '&c,' for twelve months' ... \$ 3,348.00

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND

CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation

to the shareholders at the fourth ordinary meeting

to be held at the Company's office, at 5 o'clock

The Directors have the pleasure to present

their report, together with a statement o

accounts, for the year ended 31st October last.

In so doing they feel gratified that the anticipa-

tions formed last year are fully realized, if not

exceeded, and the shareholders may be cong-

ratulated upon possessing a going concern in

full work. The difficulties formerly in the way

of success have been overcome in almost every

direction, the one thing still remaining unsatis-

ractory being the housing of the European

employees, and this matter has been resolutely

.The sales of the Company's products this year

amount to \$12,958.60 against \$5,617.65 last

year. There has been no diminution in the

price of coal taking one period with another, but

the results have been much better on a more

DRAIN PIPES.

equal to the very best goods of Home manu-

leading place in the local markets. A large

order has been taken from the Colonial Govern-

ment lately which will occupy the works during

FIRE BRICKS.

in the quality of these goods, the demand for

which is growing in a most encouraging manner,

PAVING BRICKS, TILES. &C.

A very superior class of goods have been

made which are quickly becoming popular, and

when they become better known are sure to

lead to a large business. Part of the machinery

formerly used for making the ordinary building

brick has been utilized for this purpose and the

In March last it was deemed necessary to

make a call of \$1.00 per share, which produced

\$4.000, This and the profits of the Company

for the year have been expended upon additional.

machinery, the erection of a new Circular Kiln

(now in operation), a better system of drainage

over the whole works, the erection of matsheds

for the protection of the Kilns and their contents

from rain storms, and, lastly, for the construc-

tion of a brick dwelling on an open and clevated

position for the European foremen, in the hope

results are very gratifying.

FINANCES.

Some further improvements have been made

facture and consequently they are taking a

These are now being turned out in all respects

economical expenditure.

the next year.

p.m., on Monday, the 29th December, 1890:-

found the same in accordance therewith

Hongkong, 13th December 1890.

Dennys (Secretary).

General Managers.

R. LYALL, Auditor.

#### THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

The sixth ordinary general meeting of the above named company was held at the Hongkong Hotel at moon on the 20th inst. There were present Mr. J. A. Sonnsville (Chairman); Messrs. 1. Anderson and C. Ewens (Consulting Committee); G. Murray Bain, J. C. dos Remedios, W. K. Wylie (Superintendent) and a few others.

The Chairman said the report issued on the 16th instant contained all that he had to say on the subject of the company's affairs which were not so bright as he could wish. It must be remembered, however, that the year now drawing to a close had been an exceptionally bad one for Hongkong, and it was reasonable to assume that next year if not better, would certainly be no worse. There were reasons for believing that the Company's receipts would be considerably augmented mext year owing to the opening of two new hotels at the Peak. He would be glad to answer any questions which any of the shareholders might be disposed to put to him.

In answer to questions the Chairman said a sum of \$30,000 was still owing to the general managers, and that the cost coal might be reduced considerably in the near future if satisfactory arrangements the Trustees and the Government in connection could be made with the Tonquin Coal Company whose coal had been tried during the past year | referred to in the report for the reason that that with highly satisfactory results. The Tonquin | document dealt solely with the affairs of the coal used for trial was found to be dearer than institution up to the 30th of June, and the litigaother kinds procurable in the market. But when large and regular quantities were purchased a material reduction in the cost price of. the Tonquin article would doubtless end in a. benefit to the shareholders.

The Chairman then moved the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Bain seconded and It was carried nem. con.

. Mr. W. H. Wylie proposed the re-election of Messrs. P. Ryrie and C. Ewens and J. Anderson as members of the Consulting Committee. It was seconded by Mr. J. C. da Cunha and carried unanimously, as also was the appointment of Mr. R. Lvali as Auditor for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

## The following is the report :-

The General Managers beg to lay before the Shareholders the annexed Statement of Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th Nevem-

The total receipts for the twelve month amount to \$25,203,20, including \$18 Transfer fees, the working expenses to \$24,170.21, the profit on the year's working to \$1,032.99

The General Managers wish however to state that next year the cost of one rope will have to be provided for out of the Working Account as the cost of two ropes is already included in the Permanent Way Account and of one rope in the Suspense Account. It therefore will be seen that, unless the receipts increase largely, there is no prospect of the Commany paying a dividend for some time to come, especially as the Suspense Account will have to be gradually written off out of carnings.

The General Managers and the Committee have carefully considered the question of the loss through the landslip in May 1889, and having regard to the position of the Company and to the uncertainty of law, they cannot recommend that a suit be proceeded with, although they are advised that they have a good

The General Managers earnestly hope, that as it is evident the running of the Tramway is only benefitting the Peak Residents and the Public, the Government will do its best to assist the Company.

1st By remitting taxation which is extremely

and By making a new road from Plantation Road to Magazine Gap which would increase the traffic and benefit the residents there. 3rd By an alteration in the system of trials.

We believe the Board of Trade in England does not require such tests for similar Tramways as the Government here insists upon, which tests cause interruption in the traffic and strains the permanent way.

It is obvious that the present fares are high, and although it is impossible to make an immediate reduction, it is hoped that new roads and the opening of the two hotels on the hill will enable the Company to make a reduction.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE. On the resignation of Mr. B. Layton, Mr. C. Ewens was invited to join the Committee.

In accordance with Rule 15 of the Company's Articles of Association, the present members, the Honourable P. Ryrie, and Messrs. J. Anderson and C. Ewens, retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITOR. The Accounts have been audited by Mr. R Lyall, who also offers himself for re-election.

MAGEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 13th December, 1890.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER, 1890. Assets.

Permanent Way, & Rolling Stock ... \$132,872.33 Concession and Deed of Grant ...... Stock in hand at date ,...... Cash,-In hand ......\$480.89

With Collectors 40.00 Hongkong and Shanghai Binking Corporation ....... Furniture with the Superintendent ...

Suspense,-Cost of repairing damages caused by the landslip during the Storm in May, 1889

Loan from the Trust & Loan Combeing \$4,800. pany of Chins, Japan & Straits, Ld. 4,175.03 Accounts Payable ..... Profit and Loss ..... 1,247.54

850.02

Mr. Andrew Johnston found it necessary to **.\$**159,672.57 gentlemen the thanks of the shareholders are say:-To Salaries and Wages.....\$ 11,011.32 due for much of its success. 006.60

The members of the Board again waive their right to the fees to which they are entitled. Messrs. E. L. Woodin and W. Wotton retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. G. H. Potts having resigned, the Board appointed Mr. W. H. Potts to audit the present accounts with Mr. H. Harms, and both these gentlemen are eligible for re-election,

D. GILLIES,

Chairman.

BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD, Hongkong, 17th December, 1890.

\$ 25,417.75 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 1IST OCTOBER, 1890. MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., Assets. Property .....\$ 2,485.00

Kilns, as per last Report \$ 4,840.00 New Kiln, Improvements, &cc., 1890..... \$ 6,299 00 Depreciation'written cff, 1890 1,014 00 Machinery and Plant, per-

last Report .....\$20,254.00 New Plant, 1890,..... 1,200.00 \$21,454,00 Depreciation written off, 1800 2,828.00 Buildings and Wharf, per

W. H. Forbes, G. Hoppius, G. Sharp and H. L. last Report .....\$ 9,555.00 New Galvanized Iron Roofing, Matsheds and Drain-In the course of a brief address the Chairman яде, 1890 ..... said that the litigation which had arisen between Disbursements to date, on account of New Bungalow with the Prays Reclamation Scheme was not at Works...... 1,561.00

> \$12,616.00 Depreciation written off, '90 Stores, (including Fuel on hand) ..... Stock of Bricks, Pipes, Tiles, &c., at date ..... 5 311.42 Accounts due at date .....

Profit and Loss ..... 34,114.18 Liabilities. Capital Subscribed, -4,000 

Amount Called-up,-\$18 50 per Share ... \$ 74.000.00 Less Calls un-paid ... Due Hongkong & Shanghai Bank ... 4,2 793 Accounts Payable ..... 3 955-94

\$82,083.R7 WORKING ACCOUNT. To Profit and Loss, balance last year's account .....\$27,614.40 Salaries and Wages ...... 7,094.11 " Fuel ....... . Charges ..... , Stores, &c., used during the year ... Interest Auditors' Fees 1889 and 1890,.....

Bricks lost at works in Typhoon, 13-IO-Q0 ...... Amount of Depreciation, written off Kilns, Machinery and Buildings.....

By Total Sales, 1890 ..... \$12,958.60 Less Stock taken over from 1889 ..... 3,278.74 Bricks taken over by Company.... Stock at dite-cost ..... Transfer Fees ..... Profit and Loss ..... 34,114.18

.. \$50,323,14

W. H. WALKER, We have compared the above Statements with the Company's Books and Vouchers, and found the same correct.

H. HARMS, W. HUTTON POTTS. Auditors.

THE "NAMOA" PIRACY.

## PROSECUTION OF THREE PIRATES.

Chan Chol Yin, 36, of Whampon, a smuggler; Chau Chol Leung, 32, of no occupation : Leung St, 40, of Tsang Shing, a boatman, and Li Aloi 41, of Kwai Sui, a tailer, made their salaam before Mr. Wodehouse at the Police Court this morning (18th inst.), and were there charged by Inspector Stanton, Chief of the detective depart ment,"that they, with certain others not in custody did piratically, feloniously, wilfully and ma ciously kill and slay Captain Pocock and others and did feloniously steal money and jewellry and clothing, valued at \$55,000, the property of the passengers and crow of the British steamship Namoa on the 10th instant, on board the said steamer on the high seas." The prisoners were not asked any questions, and no evidence was taken in the case. Before being removed to the remand cells in Victoria Gaol the prisoners were carefully searched by detectives. His Worship remanded the case until Saturday

the 27th instant. CAPTURE OF ANOTHER PIRATE. Another pirate was arrested at 11. o'clock this norning near Hungham, and is now under lock and key at the Central Station.

THE COST OF "RUNNING" HONGKONG.

The following which appears in Saturday Gasette will give our readers an idea of the cost to the rate-payers of the Public Services in this Colony, The \$51,962.40 for the Post Office neinden the losses consequent upon the Barradas emberziements " Whereas it has become necessary to make .- Scrivener that thereby their health would be readered more I further provision for the public service of the ..... My beegb,

secure. Your Directors have carefully estimated Colony for the year 1889, in addition to the the assets of the Company before closing the charge upon the revenue for the service of the accounts and have freely written down values said year already provided for: Be it enacted by where necessary, the amount thus written off the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as

A sum of three hundred and forty-nine resign his position in December last owing to the thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars' amount of attention demanded by the growing and eighty-five cents is charged upon the business being greater than he could afford. revenue of this Colony for the service of the Mr. W. H. Walker-was thereupon appointed year 1809, the said sum so charged being Menager and Secretary, and to both these expended as hereinafter specified; that is to

Establishments. Civil:-Postmatter-General ..... Registryr-General ...... Observatory..... Fire Brigade.....

Services Exclusive of Establishments. Postmaster General.....\$\$1,962.40

Police Magistrates ...... Police ..... Fire Brigade ..... Charitable Allowances ... Works and Buildings ..... Roads, Streets and Bridges. Interest on Loan, and Si king Fund ......

Extraerdinary Expenditure. Extraordinary Public | \$191,130.41 Werks Fxtraordinary Military ) 50,048 93 Defences .....

Total.....\$349,720.8 Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 13th day of November, 1890."

# SHOOTING MATCH.

A match between the 1st A. & S. Highlanders and the Hongkong Rifle Association, ten men side, took place on Saturd y afternoon last, and resulted in a win for the military. The weather was good, though at times the light was rather changeable. For the winners Private Hood put on the fine total of 95 for the three ranges, Colour-Sergeant Mack also shooting in his well-known style. For the Association Mr C. Ford made a highest possible score at 500 yards. Appended. are the full scores:-

A. & S. HIGHLANDERS. Col. Sergt. Mack...... Corp. Saunderson ............. Col. Seret Scott..... Grand Totals....... 299 HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. yarda, yarda, yarda. Tota Mr. A. Walson ................. 3\*

Mr. D McLennan Mr. Frank Collins ...

FOOTBALL. THE ROYAL NAVY V. HONGKONG FOOTBALL

This, the third Rugby match of the season was played in beautiful weather, though somewhat too warm for football (temp. 72 deg. F), at the Happy Valley ground on the alternoon of the 22nd inst. Egerton having won the toss took the South end of the ground, the Navy thus having the advantage of the wind during the first half of

Afterwaiting ten minutes for two absentees, at 4.40 p.m. the ball was kicked off by Atkinson, the Club immediately pressed their opponent the forwards playing a very strong game; th Navy were not to be denied however, and gradually forced the ball to the Club's twent five. Dow after a short run relieved his aidi by a grand punt into touch, the play thus being transferred to the Navy's twenty-five. Soon after this the Navy had to touch-down in selfdefence, the ball on being kicked out was well returned by Burn who was playing at Foll-back. The game was now evenly contested the ball being kept in the centre of the ground. Just before half-time was called Atkinson having received the ball from Burn, with a long and somewhat dodgy run, obtained a try immediately behind the posts, the same player converting the try into a goal,

After changing ends, the Navy set wask and playing very determinedly carried the play into the club's quarters. Lashmore, who had been playing very well, was particularly prominent. At this stage of the game the clab retaliated and Dow, with a good run, carried the ball well into the Navy's twenty-five. Kiddle pow relieved his side by a splendid run right up the the left. Both sides now made determined efforts to score ! Dow nearly kicking a goal from a long-drop and Stevens shortly after this ran infor the Navy, but the try was disallowed as the ball had been thrown forward.

Nothing further was scored and a very pleasant game ended in a victory, for the Club by one goal (three points) to nil. For the Club. Lee and Gresson played well, and for the Navy Henniker, Kiddle and Lashmore were particularly prominent, you door blackboar

The following were the teams :-THE NAVY

P. Egerton, H.M.S. Perpoise Full-back (Capt.) Pirebrand \ M. Stevens. Linne! . . . backs. Dr. Dickinson. ..... Kiddle, .. Imperiense ] backs. M. H. Cobbe. Lashmore, Linnet (17) > A. C. Penrson,

C. Maclachlan. A, P. Henniker. Porboise Wictor Rmanuel | Toxwards Impariouss.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB. H. S. Burn, Full-back. G. M. Dow. Dr. Atkinson, (Capt.) } a backs. - Fearon. A. L. Lec, R.A. backs. W. J. Gresson,

T. Simpson, R. F. Lammert, A. Chapman, Anderson. >Forwards. F. C. Vignieles, R.A. K. A. Sterens, G. H. Potler, H.M.S. Imperieuse A. N. Other.

Umpires, Navy R. B. Garde H.M.S. Imperiouse; Club, E. G. Young, R.E. Mr. Potter of the Imperieuse kindly played for the Club, which was two men short.

THE STRANDING OF THE "TOKIO

A TRACEDY AT THE SCENE OF THE WRECK.

A Koke paper relates that some of the sailors, Japanese, in a spirit of insubordination and recklessness induced by excesses in drinking attempted to force their way into the tent in which the officers' mess supplies &c. were stored. The second cook, a Chinaman, remon there was a ball at Government House which strated, and as the men took no notice of was largely attended, all Sandakan being there him, sought to prevent them by more coergetic means. A scuffle ensued, and the chief cook hurried to the spot to separate the combatants. Whilst doing so, or, as some accounts put it, immediately after doing so, one of the most aggriced of the sailors, who had been succeeded in indicting a fearful wound which well nigh severed the Chinaman's head from his body Death resulted almost instantaneously. Anything but sobered by the murderous deed, the man maintained such a threatening attitude that considerable risk was incurred in securing him. In fact the man was not placed; beyond power, o further evil until one of the European officers stunned him with a capstan bar. The unfortunate cook's remains were conveyed to Yokohama on the 13th inst. The murderer, we believe is under arrest.

We are glad to hear, says the Japan Herald, that better news has been received regarding the stranded steamer Tokio-maru. Contrary to expectation, she did not suffer from the late gale, and yesterday the pumps were got to work on her and should the present weather continue M Barrie, who has charge of the operations; confident of getting her off.

A SPECIAL COMMERCIAL TREAT

Advices from the North are to hand conveying to us the text of the Japanese-Korean Special Treaty to which we referred in a paragraph in our issue last Saturday. It consists of the following four articles:-

(1) Permission shall be given Korean merchants to export Ginseng to Japan. The export drained and the jungle is being burnt off. duty shall be 20 per cent,

Japanese merchants to import Ginseng under a las the crop of 1899. As in some of the otherduty of Tls. 3 per Tls. 100 worth. The import | citates, the drought that prevailed during the end duty on muslin which has been imported into of September somewhat reduced the estimate Japan and afterwards re-exported to Korea shall | which was 700 piculs. be refunded.

(3) The Korean duty on Japanese cloths, which is now Tis. 7.50 per Tis. 100 worth, shall be reduced to Tis. 5.00.

(4) This treaty shall come into force on and after Jan. 1st, 1891, and with its operation the port and district of Helyosho (Pingyang) shall be opened to Japanese trade.

HOIHOW NOTES.

(From a Correspondent.) December 18th.

The first steamer, the steamship Doris, to Dell oft here on the 12th with emigrants. The British gunboat Redpole called in on the 10th and left for Pakhoi on the following morn-

Twenty-three pirates, captured recently by the gunboat Chinio, were executed here on the 15th. There has been serious trouble at a village about to # distant. The Triad Society people are said to have been at the root of it. official was despatched hence to the scene with full powers. After a short time he sent back to his superior two jars of cars and a hasketoof queues as evidence of his practical zeal.

A banner-a gorgeous concern in red silk and gold with appropriate inscription—has been presented by the London Board of Trade through the Taotal of a village on the south coast of the island in recognition of services rendered the natives to the British steamer Lorns which was wrecked there about three years ago. A gold watch was also to have been given to the official in charge at the time, but unfortunately he has been since degraded and his whereabout is at present difficult to ascertain. Our Acting Consul, Mr. Octavius Johnson, has been transferred to Canton and Mr. E. H. Parker.

from Foochow, will succeed him. During a private capacities. His loss will be greatly felt. Consulate in response to an announcement, that Zampa, some: songs, and, pinno, forte solos, J.sown in September. comprised the first part given by Messrs Johnson and Leach. The second part was composed | Lung Kosahis Sismese gentleman residing in in much the same way, but was varied by an the neighborhood of the Bangkok Irone Works. excellent recitation from Mr. Neumann, and a wastpaid a complimentary visit by a number of vocal duct by Messrs, Herton and Johnson, srmed Chinese. of The party, however, met with etc., etc. Our musical resources are not very an ambuscade in their approach to the premises extensive. But I think I may fairly say that and had at oncoven retreat, which they did in quality quite made up for quantity. Each piece | such haste they left behind a boat and was artistically rendered and the whole entertain. I an old gun with ammunition, now : in the ment a pronounced success. There were 54 possession note the repellers of this a night peop'e present, who apparently appreciated, to attack of Mir. Weight, the manager of the the full extent a treat seldom enjoyed in this part | Iron : Works, who willves close by, Learing

BORNEO NOTES

took place at the residence of Mr. W. R. Pint, like hope that the party would return for their Adjutant of Constabulary and in temporary com- boat, ator il We would warn people to give the mand at Head-Quarters. It will be remembered that in January last Mr. Flowett had to proceed with some pelice to Segannan and Tabaunc

inpending owing to the hostile attitude o the Ehrans and others in the district; akirmfish took place in which Sergeant-Major Juar Singh, saved Mr. Hewett's life by parrying a blow-aimed at him-getting a nasty wound on the fingers of the right hand in so doing. As a mark of appreciation of the Sergeant. Major's conduct, Mr. Hewett sent to England and procured a splendid cavalry sword in buff leather scabbard mounted with silver fixings and and belt to match. This was presented to the Sergeant-Major on November 7th last, Captain Beeston addressing him in Hindustani in the presence of the non-Commissioned officers of the Force at Head-Quarters. Sergeant-Major Juar Singh made a suitable response and buck! d on his new acquisition. The Sergeant Major's health was drunk by his comrades, and the men returned to barracks.

Charter-Day 1890, falling on a Saturday, the holiday was held on Friday, October 31st. The Flag Staff at Government House, and the one in front of the Government Offices, were gaily drested with bunting, the fings of all nations waving to the cool breeze from the Bay. Picnics and shooting excursions seemed to be the order of the day, a few going in for the dolce fa wients in their shady bungalows. In the evening to indulge in the worship of Terpsichore. The daucing was kept up with great spirit, some eighteen ladies being present, while the nondayons of the male sex beguiled the passing hour with whist, and cut-throat euchre. At 11.30 an adjournment was made for supper to which ample justice was done, the company breaking flourishing a knife, wheeled sharply around and up about a sim, after spending a most enjoyable

Mr. C. M. D. Stewart, Acting Resident at Darvel Bay lis certainly not only the most enthuslastic sportsman but the most successful of all our North Borneo'shikaris. It is but a short time ago that the Herald had the pleasure of recording the death of a buil elephant with tusks four feel ten inches long, the victim of Mr. Stawart's fatal 8-bore. I have now the greatest pleasure in being able to chronicle the fall of yet another pachyderm with tusks measuring one door more than the last. Mr. Stewart dropped him with a shot at the root of the ear, and followed him up to the spot where he fell when the brute got up and charged Stewart thereupon gave him a bullet in the breast which turned him, following this up with two more shots behind the shoulder, which settled the matter. The tusks, on measurement, proved to be, the right one 5 feet to inches, the left 5 feet

7 inches, measured outside the curve. The ivory is of first class quality, yellow, with a pinkish tinge, and the weight 64 pounds. The natives asay that with one solitary exception, when Hadil Tahun found a pair of old. tusks in the jungle, they have never seen such a pair. We heartily congratulate Mr. Stewart on his great and deserved success.

The Lamag estate, under the management of Mr. James Fockins, has a crop of 240 piculs of first rate tobacco for the season of 1890 and the ground for the operations of 1891 is cleared,

Mr. Van Rinsum the Manager of the Songei (2) The Emperor of Japan shall allow Koyah estate has 600 piculs of first rate to bacco-

The death of Mr. James, assistant on the B. T. M. Co.'s estate at Sugut, Is announced. On the 1st inst. Mr. James was swimming across the river which runs by his plantation when a huge alligator, seized him by the leg and dragged him

Mr. J. S. Kennedy, late manager of the Songel Koyah Co.'s estate on the Kinabatangan river. has been appointed manager of the Dawel Bay Co.'s tobacco plantations,

The latest official reports of the health of plantation; coolies is of a most satisfactory asture. - Herald.

BANGKOK NOTES.

We learn from the Government Gazette that His Majesty the King, on the 20th November last, passed a law limiting, after the English custom, the period during which insolvent debrors may be imprisoned. The new law is to come into force on the first day of the Siameso new year. The famous Fleet and Marshalses prisons in England, so familiar to all who have read Dickens and sympathised with Mr. Pickwick and "Little Dorrit," were only abolished at a comparatively recent date, and nowiwe are shortly to see the last of the system

The prospects of the rice-crop would, after all, appear to be more cheering than was expected. The excessive drought in the latter half of September and in October and November did not, it seems, injure the rice to any very great extent, and the most seriously affected tracts are said to be in the Raheng and a few surrounding districts, where is very small crop is expected 21 l'Exclusive nof these and some other less affected tracts, it is thought the residence of upwards of four years Mr. Johnson | crop will be a good one. The actual out-turn was highly popular both in bis official and of rice, however, always depends largely upon the sufficiency or otherwise of the rainfall in On the 15th the community assembled at the latter Half of October-and sometimes in touch-line, and was only tackled some twelve a concert, the first ever given at this port, would November-the period embracing the thirdyards from the club's goal line. Burn receiving take place. Tickets had been, written and sent critical period in the growth of the crop-and as the ball relieved his side with a good run down out to Chinese and European residents, and we lately had some heavy showers up-country, seventy eight were sold, At half-past four the li may bo anticipated there will be no real entertainment commenced. The poverture, scarcity, as much hope is placed upon the seed mAbout stwoelo'clocks oh Saturday amorning

of the world. The proceeds are for a charitable the laffray: came supon the scene and with servolver contributed to increase the speed lof the departing invaders of Luang Kosak's premise. The event has created quite a sensaition in the locality and imbued the inhabitants theres boots with quite a martial air, so much go: indeed other a strong phalanx of people On November 7th last, an interesting ceremony | waited hip till a late hour on Sunday morning in place a wide berth while this temper pervades the almosphere of the neighbourhood. Times.

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